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ARMY BILLS WILL BE ARGUED SOON

CONGRESSIONAL DISCUSSION ON TERM "ADEQUATE."

WILSON'S MESSAGE IS BASIS OF MEASURES

Preparedness and Rural Credits Will Be Introduced Right After the Holidays.

(By W. C. Van Cleve.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Notwithstanding the absence of a large majority of the members of congress during the holidays, the leaders are in frequent consultation, and plans are taking shape for a busy session after the first of the coming year. It is understood that the president will insist on an early consideration of the army and navy appropriation bills, which will embody whatever plans are adopted for preparedness. It is likely therefore that these bills will be reported from the committees at an early date, and that an early consideration of the matter of "adequate preparedness" will be begun. All leading political parties have declared for adequate preparedness, and most everybody is in favor of adequate preparedness, but the term "adequate" is, in this case, very indefinite. With equal information concerning the necessities given, it then becomes a matter of individual judgment as to what constitutes adequate or "fully sufficient," as Mr. Webster defines the term.

The president has made definite recommendations in his message, and it is around these that the contest will center. While these will be opposed, they are much more conservative than the recommendations of the general board made last July, but only recently given out. These were so radical that they were suppressed at the time by order of the president, who feared they might have an influence on the delicate situation then existing between the United States and Germany. A large number of bills have been introduced on the subject. Among them are bills to adopt the plan of Switzerland for the building of an army.

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Another matter that will come before the congress at an early day is the matter of a rural credit law. The matter was considered throughout the last congress, but the leaders were unable to agree upon a bill that they believed would meet the requirements fully. The main difference between the two leading advocates of rural credit legislation in the sixty-third congress was over the part the government should play. The more conservative members wanted the government to supervise and control, but not to finance, the institution. The other view was that the government should finance the rural credit banks also.

Last March a joint committee of leading members of the banking and currency committee and of the committee of agriculture of the house and senate was appointed to further digest the proposition and with instructions to report to congress this December. This report is now about ready and will be submitted next week. They have adopted and will recommend a complete plan for farm credits in some respects similar to the federal reserve banking system now in operation. That is, it will provide for a general governing board and the country will be divided into districts. A rural credit bank will be established in each district with a capital of one-half million dollars for each bank. Popular subscriptions to shares of ten dollars will be invited, and if the people do not subscribe a sufficient amount the government will take the remainder of the stock. A plan will be incorporated by which the government will be relieved of its stock from the earnings of the bank.

These are the district banks. The bill will also provide for the organization of local banks or co-operative loan bodies by the people of the various localities which are to pass on applications, examine titles and so on. An individual and general responsibility will be features of the plan. The present scheme is a compromise between the forces led by Representative Bulkley and Representative Moss in the last congress. A sort of affiliation between the local associations and other banks and trust companies will be provided to give the scheme as much flexibility and mobility as possible. A plan is also under consideration involving personal credits, but this is not fully matured, and the report on that feature will be delayed two or three weeks.

If the bill meets the general situation as fully as the committee believes, there will be little need for similar institutions to be fostered by the states. If such a scheme is to be attempted by any state, it should be made to conform with the federal law or there will be a conflict ruinous to the state institution.

APPEAL FROM PROBATE FILED

J. J. Duncan Asked Judge Conn to Make Him Administrator of O'Donnell Estate, But Was Denied.

James Joseph Duncan filed an appeal from the probate court in the office of the Circut Clerk, Henry Westfall, this moning through his attorneys Crawford & Sayler. The estate of Sarah N. O'Donnell and its administrator, Joseph J. Enis, are the defendants in the suit.

A motion to discuss the letters of administration and to appoint Mr. Duncan to that office in the estate was denied by Judge W. H. Conn in the adjourned November term of the Probate court. Cook, Cummins & Dawson represent the estate.

DICK WADE SHOOTS 2 MEN

One Killed Instantly, But Other Will Live—In St. Joseph Gambling Den Yesterday.

When two masked men entered a gambling joint in the second story of the building at 512 Edmond street, in St. Joseph, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning to recover $150, as one of them claimed, lost at cards there yesterday afternoon, one of the men was instantly killed and the other was probably fatally wounded.

The killing and wounding was done by Dick Wade, the notorious St. Joseph gambler, who is proprietor of the gambling house in which the tragedy was enacted.

Although the bullet scratched the apex of his heart, John W. Luppy, who was shot through the breast in an attempt to rob the Senate club, 512½ Edmond street, early yesterday morning, which resulted in the death of his pal, "Skeet" Young, at the hands of Dick Wade, is expected to recover. For several hours after the shooting, Luppy's life hung in a balance, but toward last night he began to gain strength.

K. S. P ON PREPAREDNESS

Presbyterian Young Men Will Follow Up Discussion Aroused by Pastor's Sermons.

Two sermons recently on the subject of preparedness have aroused considerable discussion among the parishioners of the Rev. William Moll Case, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The Knights of St. Paul, the boys' division of the young people's society, will have that subject for debate next Sunday night. Joe Farmer and James Gray will uphold the preparedness plans and Harold Sawyers and William Van Cleve will deny the need for such preparation.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

LINCOLN ROAD WORK

ELMO REGISTER GIVES SUMMARY OF YEAR'S RESULTS.

BRIDGES AT LOW COST

96 Bridges at Cost of $21,000 This Season and $4,000 Remains for Next Year.

The Elmo Register has the following to say of the road work in Lincoln township which has been closed for the year:

Lincoln Township concrete work, on the bridges and culverts of the township, has been concluded for the year, and the machinery and supplies have been hauled to Elmo and stored.

Owing to the unfavorable weather the showing is not as good as it would have been, but it is a good one anyhow. Ninety-six bridges and culverts have been built, at a cost approximately $21,000. This compares favorably with Polk township which built 188 at a cost of $50,000. Theirs cost about $265, each, and ours about $219.

A number of culverts were built with corrugated tubes with concrete heads, there being several of them on hand. One new tube was bought. A tube was put in at a place where it was thought the road would be changed some day, and it was not thought best to put in permanent work that might be lost.

The funds were apportioned to the road districts in proportion to their assessed valuation, and the money so apportioned, was spent in the district. Of course there was not enough to build all the structures needed, and so only those needed worst were built.

There is about $4,000 yet on hand of the money raised by the sale of the bonds. This sum together with the money received from the state, and the funds that can be spared from the township fund, will enable the Board to do quite a lot of work next year. Another item is that the work done this year is of a permanent nature, and will not have to be done over, year after year, as it has been the case in the past.

Taking it all in all, our Board has done well, and is to be congratulated on the work done. Mistakes have been made, of course, for the Board is but human, and liable to err, but if any one thinks they can do better, they should have a chance at the next election. We are sure the present Board will willingly give way.

The Board has had the cordial assistance of the road overseers, and some of them are good ones too, and much of the credit for work done is due them.

The Board has been criticised for employing an engineer, but we should remember that unless one is employed and accurate maps and plans of the work done and an itemized statement of the cost of each structure is made, we would have no chance to draw from the aid promised under the state law. It does seem that any one ought to see the point to this.

MAIL PROTESTS SHARP

DEMAND FOR EXPLANATION AT ONCE FROM ENGLAND.

British Ships Have Seized Postal Sacks to and From United States to Holland.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 29.—A sharply-worded protest will be sent at once to the British government from the state department of the United States against the interference of Great Britain with mail from America to and from Holland.

The protest will be based upon the reports of Consul-General Skinner at London. Officials said today that a demand will be made upon England to explain her acts immediately.

A Berlin dispatch yesterday told of the seizure of 640 sacks of mail to Dutch ports from this country.

Mrs. W. C. Van Cleve left this morning for Joplin, where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. G. Blair.

THEIR VOICES EXTRA GOOD

So Musical Comedy Audience of "A Prince for a Day" Enjoyed Show Last Night.

Voices better than the average musical comedy, a good yodler, and Milton Schuster as the Jew comedian, gave a large audience a good two hours laugh and plenty of musical enjoyment at the Empire theater last night, where "A Prince for a Day" was given.

The trio of Schuster, Jensen and Robinson was particularly good and received repeated encores. The songs were not the newest, and some of the jokes had been heard before, but the steps of the chorus were good, and, as before stated, the voices were better, which is what a musical comedy audience most desires.

HARTMAN-OAKERSON

FORMER COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT MARRIED.

Miss Frances Catherine Hartman Becomes Bride of Chief Education Clerk of Missouri Today.

Miss Frances Catherine Hartman of this city and William Miles Oakerson, a former county superintendent of schools of this county, were married this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Robidoux hotel in St. Joseph. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Gilbert S. Cox, pastor of the First M. E. church of this city. Couny Superintendent Bert Cooper and Mrs. Cooper were present at the wedding.

The bride is a daughter of George A. Hartman of this city and is a graduate of the State Normal school, and was a student at the University of Missouri last year. For five years she was the principal of the Hot Springs, S. D., high school.

The bride's dress was a traveling suit of dark blue with a black hat. They will make their home in Jefferson City. Mr. Oakerson was county superintendent of schools of this county up to a year ago when he resigned to accept the position of chief clery in the state department of education at Jefferson City.

ELKS' STUNT BEST EVER

ST. JOSEPH MALE QUARTET ADDED TO ATTRACTIONS.

New Year's Party Will Have Cabaret Dinner and Fine Luncheon for Members of B. P. O. E.

A cabaret dinner dance to be given by the Elks club at their club house on New Year's eve will be the best one yet held, according to the committee in charge. A quartet from St. Joseph, composed of Roy Parland, Bert Trullinger, Sam Jones and Ray Barry, have been engaged in addition to the Miss Antoinette Mayes and Jule Hyde of Kansas City, who will give several dancing specialties. The quartet comes highly recommended, and the evening's entertainment will be of the best. Maulding's orchestra will furnish the music.

The menu for the dinner is as follows: Cocktail a la W. J. B., blue points, wafers, celery, olives, baked Lake Superior trout, Saratoga chips, Indian relish, roast young turkey, cranberry sauce, O'Brien potatoes, creamed peas and mushrooms, oyster dressing, B. P. O. E. sherbet, congealed fruit with whipped cream, Neapolitan ice cream, cake, coffee, mints and smoke if you like.

The dinner will be held in the lodge hall of the club house. Reservations will be on sale this evening at 8 o'clock at the club.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Shipley and son Tragan, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson, departed this morning for their home.

H. E. Korf, who has been a house guest at the home of Miss Olivette Godsey, returned this morning to his home in St. Joseph.

Mrs. A. B. Croy left this morning for St. Joseph, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Nova Lowe for several days.

Miss Winnifred Limerick of Savannah, Mo., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Toel, 204 East Thompson St.

MAY EXCLUDE IRISH

HIGH POPULAR FEELING AGAINST CONSCRIPTION THERE.

RUSSIA STRONG IN PERSIA

Believed That Slav Troops Will Co-Operate With British Troops in Mesopotamia Campaign.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

London, Dec. 29.—The Irish may be excluded from the terms of the compulsory military service bill for conscription which will be introduced into parliament soon.

This action is expected because of the high state of popular feeling in Ireland against the system of drafting.

A Reuter dispatch from Teheran, Persia, says that the Russians have occupied several more important Persian towns including Kasban and are marching toward Ispahan.

This shows that the Russian forces are cutting into southern Persia toward Mesopotamia. It is believed that co-operation with the British army in that zone is contemplated.

Another British steamer was sunk by a submarine this morning. Only two of the crew were saved.

No further details have been received from the Greek steamer Thessaloniki which sent a wireless last night that it was in distress.

18 German Soldiers Dead in Wreck.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Eighteen German soldiers were killed and forty-five were injured when a troop train carrying men back on a furlough jumped the track.

PRIEST RETURNS FROM ROME

Father Augustine of Conception, Professor in College There, Forced to Leave by Italy.

The priest who assisted Father Henry F. Niemann in the Christmas services at St. Patrick's church had just returned from Rome, where he had been for nine years. He was Father Augustine, who went from Conception abbey to become a professor in the International Catholic college there.

Father Augustine and others from neutral and Teutonic countries, was forced to leave Rome to avoid being interned by the government. Although Father Augustine is a naturalized American citizen, he is a native of Switzerland. Many of the students who were in the college at Rome left the school to join the allied armies, and it was necessary to suspend the school.

ANOTHER OUT OF FORD PARTY.

Herman Bernstein Defects at Stockholm and Goes to The Hague.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Stockholm, Dec. 29.—Herman Bernstein is the latest defection from the Ford peace party. He withdrew this morning and left for The Hague. The ship will leave tomorrow for Copenhagen.

FAMOUS YALE COACH DEAD.

Fame Came to Him by Beating Princeton This Year.

Minneapolis, Dec. 29.—Thomas L. Shevlin, millionaire lumberman and Yale coach, died this morning of pneumonia. He took charge of the Yale football team this year and gained fame when Princeton was defeated 10-6. His glory faded a week later, however, when Harvard trounced the blue the worst in the history of their athletics.

Sarah Bernhardt in Good Health.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Sarah Bernhardt, noted actress, will leave soon for London for an engagement. She announced this morning that she is in the best of health.

Ciphering Match at Myrtle Tree.

The Myrtle Tree Booster club will give a program and ciphering match tomorrow night, December 30. Lincoln Partridge and Arthur Dowden will be the captains in the ciphering match. Miss Ada Walter, John Dowden and Mrs. Anna Moberly have charge of the program arrangements.

STORM GRIPS OHIO AND IND.

All Telegraph, Telephone and Interurban Service Demoralized by Heavy Blizzard and Sleet.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Indianapolis, Dec. 29.—All telephone, telegraph and interurban service was demoralized last night and this morning by a heavy sleet and snow storm.

The blizzard has the entire state and most of Ohio in its grasp today.

A heavy gale of sleet and snow is raging through the middle states from Virginia to Kentucky today.

BUCHANAN WILL RESIST

SAYS MEMBER OF CONGRESS CAN'T BE ARRESTED.

The Charge of Pro-German Activities Against Eight Prominent Men is Misdemeanor.

Special to the Democrat-Forum

Washington, Dec. 29.—Congressman Frank Buchanan of Illinois, who was indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury, declared today that he would resist arrest.

He declared that as a member of congress he cannot be arrested. The charge is a misdemeanor for pro-German activities.

KILLS WIFE AND STEPSON

Wealthy Englewood, Kan., Man Said Widow Whom He Married Recently Tried to Kill Him.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Wichita, Dec. 29.—B. W. A. Honson, a wealthy stockman of Engleman, Kan., near here, killed his wife this morning by blowing off her head with a shotgun. He then brained a stepson with the butt of the gun when the young man came to his mother's assistance.

The couple were recently married and Honson asserts that his wife and stepson tried to kill him.

JOE M'GARY ON PEACE CHARGE.

Complaint Made by Wife Against Bedison Man.

Joe McGary will answer to the charge of disturbing the peace at the January term of court. The complaint was made by his wife today, and information was filed by W. G. Sawyers, prosecuting attorney.

The family lives near Bedison and domestic infelicity and disagreement caused the complaint to be made which led to the charge.

Railroad's Fine Approved.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 29.—Judge McPherson of the United States court of appeals here, today sustained the fine of $200,000 on the Central Railroad of New Jersey for granting rebates to the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Taylor returned to their home in Hopkins today after a visit here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Taylor. The former is very ill with the grippe.

GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS GIVEN OUT

FOUR BILLION DOLLARS INDEMNITY AND COLONIES.

WOULD EVACUATE BOTH BELGIUM AND FRANCE

Wolff News Agency, Close to Government, Gets Article by Official Censor.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Wolff News Agency, quoting a Swiss newspaper, gives the terms upon which it is said that Germany is willing to make peace. The fact that that news agency has such a close relation to the government and that the official censor permitted the publication of the news is considered significant.

The terms are a minimum indemnity four million and fifteen million dollars the restoration of the German colonies by England, and the restoration of Poland into a separate and independent state.

Germany will agree to evacuate Belgium and France.

Two More Ships in Trouble.

Amsterdam, Dec. 29.—The Dutch steamer Erien is floundering at sea, following an explosion in which three were killed and eight wounded.

A Bergen dispatch says that the Norwegian steamer Hornelen was sunk presumably by a drifting mine. One of the crew was lost.

TO PUT ON SPECIAL FILM.

Union of Young People's Societies Behind "Nature Man" at Fern January 11.

The cabinet of the union of young people's societies decided at their regular monthly meeting last night to hold a special theater social at the Fern theater, Tuesday night, January 11. A special film, Joe Knowles, "The Nature Man," has been secured, and tickets will be sold by the young people of the churches.

Knowles will be remembered as the naturalist who went into the Maine woods with no fire, tools or food, and demonstrated that it is possible for man still to get his living and comfort without the aids of civilization. He has since reproduced his experiences before the camera, and the film is the result.

County Court Tomorrow.

The Nodaway County Court will hold an adjourned session of the December court tomorrow to close up business attendant upon the end of the year. Judge E. T. Bailey of Elmo, who was ill during the last court, will be here tomorrow.

THE WEATHER

Unsettled weather tonight and Thursday; probably snow; colder Thursday.

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Announcement.

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The man who stops advertising because business is poor would be more consistent in firing a clerk or closing up every other day to save fuel. Not that we want anyone to lose a job, but the business reason is this: When advertising stops, the thing which draws trade and which compels business, according to John Wanamaker, has been fired and turned out of a job.

The ancient name of Greece was Hellas. It is probably like old times in many parts of that country now.

Nodaway county has lost immeasurably in the last ten days, as almost a dozen residents who had passed the four score year mark were taken into the great beyond.

A little cement and water are mixed with the sands of time in which the famous footprints are now made.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat gives a little free advice to the American people always to choose their own presidents. That advice is a little late, having been taken in 1912, after the bitter and sad experience of letting T. R. pick one for them in 1908.

"The saddest sight in the world to me," says Fuller Grippe, "is a man whose only conception of humor is vulgarity."

Our children will have the strange experience of hearing a young lady say that she is a Democrat because her mother and grandmother before her were Democrats.

WHICH IS NEARER HELL?

The name applied to the place of torment is frequently used with reference to war. And the mind staggers at the horrors of Europe. But if we in America had a proper and true perspective, a more horrible hell might be seen in our very midst.

The most conservative figures are that 100,000 drunkards die yearly. That means that one boy from every fifth family begins the habit to become the drunkard. Every year 60,000 girls are drawn down into the vortex of lives of shame. Child labor is still generally tolerated. War surely can't be much worse than the grinding sweatshop labor which thousands suffer or their bitter poverty.

One of the most pitiable things about the present war is that so many of us are becoming hardened to its horrors. Even the death figure of a half million among the English alone scarcely affected us with its stupendous, unspeakable awfulness.

The explanation of our indifference to similar conditions of peace in our own land is probably to be found in the callousness of familiarity. But after looking at war, then at the liquor traffic, white slavery and other abuses, just ask yourself solemnly, "Which is nearer hell?"

The expression "perfect circle" is said to be tautology, but anyway our idea of a perfect circle is to make a resolution never to make any more resolutions.

Like the morning after the night before, this is the week after the WEEK before with us all. Merchants tear down their Christmas windows and delay putting in new ones; everybody seems to let everything slide.

MEANEST MAN AGAIN FOUND

Threw Open Knife Into Mouth of Hippopotamus—Another Fed Camels Arsenic.

New York, Jan. 29.—The meanest man appeared here this week and probably would spend some time in Sing Sing or Matteawan if the police could lay their hands on him.

He threw a penknife with the blades open into the mouth of Miss Murphy, the big hippopotamus of the Central Park menagerie.

When Miss Murphy shut her ponderous jaws, expecting some luscious morsel, she gave a grunt of pain and a moment later spit out the knife, covered with crimson.

The meanest man escaped.

Perhaps he is the same incredible being who recently, according to Head Keeper Bill Snyder, fed arsenic to the two last camels the menagerie possessed. Both died.

If anything should happen to Miss Murphy it would be a serious blow not only to the little folk of the city but to the menagerie income. Despite her name, Miss Murphy is the wife of Caliph and every year bears him a fat, black little 250 pound baby, whose sale brings a goodly sum into the municipal coffers.

Mrs. O. E. Hazelwood and daughter, who have been spending Christmas with the former's mother, Mrs. S. C. Goforth, returned this morning to her home in Barnard. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. O. E. Stoner and son of Whitesville, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sherlock and son Paul returned last night to their home in St. Joseph, after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Tobin.

Mrs. J. L. Hepburn, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. E. Hotchkin, returned to her home in Hopkins today.

Miss Amy Clark left this morning for Chillicothe, where she will be the guest of her brother, Bert Clark, and Mrs. Clark for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Weese, who have been spending a few days with Mrs. Addie Miller, left this morning for their home in Clarksdale.

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LATEST BURGLAR'S TOOL DISCOVERED

"Old Man" With Four Legs Fashioned by Prisoner.

QUIETLY RIPS SAFE KNOB.

Marks Found After Robbery In Michigan Trust Company at Grand Rapids Spoke Volumes to Detectives—Weighs Less Than Ten Pounds, but Does Job. Sometimes "Soup" Is Needed.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—A few years ago a mechanician fashioned a few strips of steel at his home forge, and the grotesque creation of this man, who is now serving time in the Ohio penitentiary, was christened "old man," and by way of distinction he was spoken of as having four legs.

When top story men worked in the Michigan Trust building here on a recent Sunday and tore out the combinations of two safes and shot another with nitroglycerin the "old man" with the four legs left his imprints on the safes. Where his "feet" had been planted were four deep dents. Those marks spoke volumes to the detectives.

Only expert safe crackers use the "old man." The man whose brain gave birth to this ingenious tool fashioned a most powerful and useful implement for the craft who use explosives and drill steel safes for a living when some commonwealth is not feeding and housing them in exchange for a safe cracking job or some other depredation.

A piece of steel fashioned into the semblance of a narrow horseshoe is the framework of the "old man." There is just enough room between these strips to enable the "old man" to drop over the knob of a safe. Four holes drilled in the "old man's" frame furnish the foothold for the four legs. The holes are threaded with a fine thread, as are the legs.

Once the "old man" fastens his grip upon the safe knob the legs are screwed into the holes. The close threads on bolts and hole give the "old man" a tremendous purchase power, and with a monkey wrench the legs are screwed down.

In a moment they are fast and the "old man's" back is bent to the task. So short and powerful is his frame and so closely set are his legs that there is no chance for him to bend at his work. The combination commences to give, and as the jaws of the wrench twist the legs in deeper the knob is slowly torn out. Entrance to the safe then is easy, and the inner compartments, once bared, are easily battered in.

The "old man's" right hand aid is a self fed drill, which can be fastened into the "old man's" frame as easily as one of the legs. An extra hole is drilled into the frame, and into this fits the threaded bolt that holds the drill steady and in place. But the drill is used only where the charge of "soup," or nitroglycerin, is resorted to in blowing the safe.

In this case the yeggs fasten the "old man" securely on the safe knob. The drill is placed, and the yegg then feeds the steel drill as he turns the handle. The bolt which holds the drill to its work and which is fastened into the "old man's" frame is one piece, while the drill is set inside of a threaded bolt that pushes it forward with the regularity the yegg uses in drilling.

After the hole is deep enough the "soup" is administered, and the hole is covered with wax and a fuse attached. Office rugs are thrown over the safe, and the yeggs step to one side as the fuse is fired. The real yegg uses just enough "soup" to accomplish the work of wrecking the safe without blowing the doors through a wall or making unnecessary noise.

The last job done in which the "old man" and a charge of "soup" were used was sufficient just to pull the door from its steel fastenings and hurl the combination out. Pushing back the bolts was nothing, and with a kit of special tools the yeggs soon entered the strong box.

The latest jobs credited to the "old man" with the four legs are those at Flint, in which much loot was taken from a bank; the Vermontville postoffice and the United Light and Railways company's offices here, in which the "old man" was clamped on three safes.

One of the most complete yegg outfits in captivity is in possession of Director of Safety A. A. Carroll, who has the "old man" with the four legs. Included in this outfit are drills of various sizes, threading tools, skeleton key, "soup" guns, wax, chisels and sundry articles. The outfit was taken from a pair of yeggs who were captured by Director Carroll, but who fled after they jumped their bail bonds.

So complete was the tool molded by the inventor of the "old man" that the police assert no added inventions have come to make such an instrument more useful.

MILE A MINUTE TO SAVE DOG

Motorist Wins In Race Against Fire; Also Rescued Pet Cat.

Anoka, Minn.—Anthony Bryson drove an automobile forty miles in forty-five minutes over frozen country roads to save his dog and cat from fire.

Bryson's home on Elk river took fire while the owner and his wife were away. He was called on the telephone, and the race began. Bryson arrived too late to save the home, but rescued the pets.

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CONGRESS HAS MANY CIVIL WAR VETERANS

Former Soldiers of Union and Confederacy Now Fourteen.

Washington.—Scattered through the membership of the house of representatives, so far as autobiographies in the Congressional Directory disclose, are three men who served in the Union army and three men who served in the Confederate army. In the senate there are five former Union soldiers and three former Confederate soldiers.

A few years ago a much larger percentage of the house and senate members was composed of veterans of the war of '61 to '65. The latest directory furnishes the names of the old soldiers as follows:

Representatives Ebenezer J. Hill of Connecticut, Isaac R. Sherwood of Ohio and David A. Hollingsworth of Ohio, all of whom served in the Union army.

Representatives Albert Estopinal of Louisiana, J. Fred C. Talbott of Maryland and Charles M. Stedman of North Carolina of the Confederate army.

Senators John H. Bankhead of Alabama, Benjamin R. Tillman of South Carolina and Thomas B. Catron of New Mexico are the members of the senate who fought on the side of the south.

The senators who served in the northern army were John D. Works of California, Henry A. du Pont of Delaware, Knute Nelson of Minnesota, Nathan Goff of West Virginia and Francis E. Warren of Wyoming.

Senator Thomas S. Martin and Representative William A. Jones, both of Virginia, were cadets at the Virginia Military Institute during the war and were called out for service in some of the Virginia campaigns.

Every congress naturally has a "kid member," and that honor in the Sixty-fourth congress has fallen to Representative Sydney E. Mudd of La Plata, Md. Mr. Mudd was born June 20, 1885, and, therefore, is thirty years old. He is the youngest member of congress. But Mr. Mudd is not the youngest man to be elected to a congress.

Representative Pat Harrison of Mississippi, a member of the present house was only twenty-nine years old when he came to Washington in his official capacity the first time. He is now only thirty-four years old, though he is entering upon his third term.

California has more political parties represented in its delegation in congress than any other state. In the house the Pacific coast state has three members who describe themselves as Republicans.

There are three Democrats, one Independent, two Progressives, one Progressive-Republican and one Prohibitionist.

Blows Up Money.

Ashland, Ore.—Workmen employed on the ditch of the Rogue River Canal company recently set off a charge of dynamite under a stump, and the air was filled with dollars and half dollars. The blast uncovered a money cache that had been buried there since the early sixties.

T. A. Cummins left last night for St. Joseph, where he will transact business.

Mrs. A. T. McDowell and Mrs. J. M. Hughes left last evening for a visit with the latter's son, Dr. J. E. Hughes, in Oklahoma.

Forrest Hanna returned to Kansas City this morning after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hanna.

INFANT DEATH RATE STUDIED

Highest Mortality of Children of Mothers Who Have Hard Work—Civic Conditions Significant.

Washington, Dec. 29.—An extremely high death rate among babies of overworked mothers is emphasized in the annual report of the Children's Bureau made public today. Just how high this death rate is the Bureau is seeking to learn in a detailed inquiry into the social and economic causes of babies' deaths.

Investigations during the past year, says the report, reveals that the average infant death rate in steel-making and coal-mining towns is 134 out of every 1,000 babies, as compared with 84 out of every 1,000 babies in a residential suburb. Johnstown, Pa., and Montclair, N. J., were selected as representative cities for this inquiry. Conditions are being studied now in Manchester, N. H., New Bedford, Mass. Waterbury, Conn., Saginaw, Mich., and Arkon, O.

"The more favorable the civic and family surroundings and the better the general conditions of life the more clearly are they reflected in a lessened infant mortality," says the report. The report states that the inquiries so far conducted have resulted in the securing of infant-welfare nurses, improving the milk supply, and "rousing community interest in kindred activities."

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Mrs. L. W. Ford left last evening for West Plains, Mo., where she will visit her brother, R. V. Wayland, Jr., and Mrs. Wayland. She was accompanied by her father, Rev. R. V. Wayland, Sr., who has been visiting here.

WHOLESALE PRICES LOWER

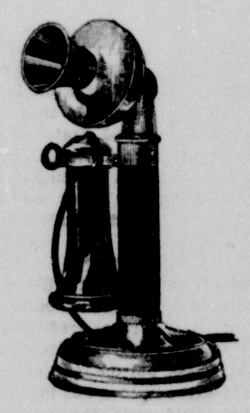
Federal Bureau Shows Middleman Got Money if Cost of Living Is Higher.

Washington, Dec. 29.—If the cost of living increased during 1914, the retail merchants must have gotten the money. Wholesale prices in the United States were nearly one per cent lower in 1914 than in 1913. This increase is shown in figures made public today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor based upon an examination of the aggregate value of 340 representative commodities.

More than half of the commodities and clothing, fuel and lighting, metals listed in four main groups—clothes and metal products, and lumber and building materials—decreased in price from 1913 to 1914. Notable decreases were shown in the yearly average prices of cotton yarns, print cloths, storm serges, Silican cloth, worsted yarns, coke, gasoline, crude petroleum, bar iron, copper ingot, sheet copper, copper wire, iron ore, pig lead, lead pipe, pig iron, cast iron pipe, steel billets, steel tank platew, steel sheets, structural steel, pig tin, wood screws, brick in New York City, plate glass, Douglas fir, rosin and cedar shingles.

Mrs. Fred McLarnon returned last evening to her home in St. Joseph, after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sheligarten.

New Year



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CASH REBATE DAY

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FINAL REDUCTIONS on Winter Goods

All Blankets and Comforts above $2.00 in price reduced **one-fourth.**

Ladies' Coats

One lot of ladies' Broadcloth Coats, values up to $35.00 reduced to **$9.98.**

All other Coats reduced **one-half.**

Children's Coats reduced **one half**, ages 2 to 14.

One lot of Children's Cloth Coats, values $10 00 for **$3.95.**

Ladies' Fleeced Kimonos

$1.00 values for.....79c
$1.25 values for.....95c
$2.00 values for.....$1.50

Ladies' Furs

Muffs and Scarfs to match, values up to $35.00 for **half price.**

All other Furs reduced **one-third** in price

Ladies' Skirts

reduced **one-fourth** in price.

Ladies' Dresses

one lot reduced **half price.**

D.R.EVERSOLE&SON

Miss Lois Smith of Arkoe was a visitor here yesterday.

W. S. Swinford of Bedison was a visitor here yesterday.

Ed Lance of Graham transacted business here yesterday.

J. L. Gregory, who has been visiting friends here, returned home last night.

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And What of 1916?

The year is at an end. It marks the passing of a great industrial twelve-month; it marks a year of the most devastating war the world has known; it has shown the world its most striking contract between Conflict and Peace; it has given us a Season of Production under trying conditions.

This, the Holiday Season, is a fiscal period of the commercial and the personal relations between man and man—the casting up time of friends and profits. With the passing of this Year, with the advent of another, let us determine to put the best of ourselves into our business relations, as well as our personal relations that the joys of holidays may extend a little further around the calendar each year until they meet and include all days.

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Mrs. M. L. Beattie Hostess.

Mrs. M. L. Beattie, 223 West First street, will entertain the members of the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge club and their husbands tonight.

Dinner at Montgomery Home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Montgomery will have as their guests at 6 o'clock dinner this evening, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Toel, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Montgomery, Miss Winifred Limerick of Savannah, who is a guest at the Toel home, Mr. Court Toel of Hot Springs, Ark., who is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Toel, and Mr. Frank Schumacher.

M. I. Circle Met.

The M. I. Circle met at the home of Mrs. Omer Catterson yesterday afternoon. There was a very good attendance and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. After the usual program a contest of celebrated pictures was held and Mrs. Oliver Garrett and Mrs. L. R. Holt tied for first place. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. W. W. Stiwalt and Mrs. Vada Hailey.

Visiting Guests Entertained at Dinner.

Miss Mary Lewis and brother, Martin Lewis, Jr., gave a dinner last night it honor of Miss Jessie Wigginton of Macedonia, Ia., who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lou Denny, and Mr. John Tracy of Kansas City, who is the guest of Eugene Martin.

Plates were laid for: Miss Vella Booth, Mr. Eugene Martin, Mr. Philip Colbert, Mr. Loren Egley, Mr. Fred Lewis, Mr. Martin Lewis, Sr., and the hosts.

Dinner and House Party, Irvin Home, Burlington Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Irvin gave a Christmas dinner and house party at their home, near Burlington Junction, the guests remaining over Sunday.

Those present were: Mrs. Maggie Kellogg, Miss Hattie and Miss Jessie Kellogg, Mr. Ralph Kellogg, and Mr. Virgil McClure of Braddyville, Ia.; Mr. William Yates of Blanchard, Ia.; Miss Violette Irvin and Mr. William Henderson of Skidmore.

Sunday Dinner. M and Mrs. Campbell Hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Campbell entertained with a dinner Sunday evening at their home at Barnard, in compliment of their cousin, Miss Lorene Thompson of Guilford. The table was artistically decorated with a miniature Christmas tree, surrounded by artificial snow.

The guests were: Misses Alcie Drydale, Velma Burns, Irene Thrasher, Fern Campbell, Thelma Curnutt, Ida Campbell, Mrs. W. H. Campbell, Messrs. Frank Pew, Owen Campbell, Jim Thrasher, Dean Campbell and Howard Campbell.

Christmas Party. Westminster Guild Last Night.

The Westminster Guild gave a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Emery Airy last night. The rooms were beautifully decorated in red and green, and in the dining room, on each table, was a miniature Christmas tree, embellished with tiny candles. The lights were turned out and the candles lighted when refreshments were served. Mrs. Airy was assisted by Mrs. W. H. Allen.

The visitors were: Miss Lulu Todd, Miss Bertha Ritze, Miss Ethel Ware, Miss Maude McMillan and Mrs. Hal Hooker.

Party at Sunnybrook. Miss Gray Hostess Monday Evening.

Miss Cleo Gray of Sunnybrook entertained a number of her friends at her home Monday evening. Games and music were the diversions of the evening, after which a luncheon was served by the hostess.

The guests included: Misses Eva and Elsie Davis, Myrtle and Emil Rasnic, Adah and Vidah Ware, Fay Hammond, Alice Crain, Naomi Ware, Florence Aten, Grace Elliott, Opal Ellis, Messrs. Earl Deitrich, Owen Campbell, Paul Ware, Dick Crain, Jimmie Thrasher, Elmer Thrasher, Chester Crain, Sammie Hayworth, Otis Hayworth, Frank Elliott, Edgar Elliott, Leslie Davis, Charles Hartman, Raymond Groves, Artie Pittsenberger, Major Leedy.

Family Reunion. Knepper Children Home.

The home of Samuel Knepper, eight miles north of Skidmore, this Christmas was just a little different from the last twenty, for all the children were again assembled under the same roof. Miss Gertrude, who keeps house for her father, prepared a sumptuous dinner on Christmas day, and those who gathered around the family board were: Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Knepper and daughter of Parks, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Knepper and children of Westboro, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Knepper and children of Maryville, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Roelofson and daughter of Lincoln, Neb.; B. E. Knepper of Westboro, Miss Myrtle Knepper of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Miss Ida Knepper of Searcy, Ark., and George G. and Gertrude, who are at home. Mr. Knepper is 78 years old, but hale and hearty for one of his years.

Kensington Tea Mrs. Shinabargar Hostess.

Mrs. J. S. Shinabargar entertained this afternoon with a kensington tea in honor of Mrs. J. P. Poole of Manhattan, Kan., who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred Harvey. An informal musical program was given by Mrs. Wilderman, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Poole and Mildred Shinabargar.

The guests were: Mrs. Fred Harvey, Mrs. J. E. Bailey, Mrs. H. B. Schuler, Mrs. Thad Wilderman, Mrs. Conrad Yehle, Mrs. L. E. Dean and sister, Mrs. Frank Welch of Shenandoah, Ia., Mrs. J. D. Richey, Mrs. J. C. Allender and Mrs. Lafe Allender of Atlantic, Ia., who is her guest; Mrs. Tom Wadley, Mrs. Clara Heath and sister, Miss Bertha Ritze of Minneapolis, Minn.

Will Bracken Weds Ohio Girl Christmas.

Friends have received the announcement of the marriage of Miss Augusta Rutledge of Carrollton, O., to Will Bracken of Maryville, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Rebecca Rutledge, in Carrollton, Christmas day.

Miss Rutledge visited here last summer and made many friends while here. Mr. Bracken is a farmer living south of town. Mr. and Mrs. Bracken will be at home to their friends on the former's farm after January 1.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

Mrs. F. Fay, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. O'Brien, returned to her home in Kansas City last evening.

Mrs. Joseph Massing, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. H. Nelson, left last night for her home in St. Joseph.

Clarence Sharp and Fred Masters of Skidmore were visitors here yesterday.

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HERE'S the golden opportunity you've been waiting for! If you received money with which to buy gifts—if you have presents to buy that you did not anticipate, or if you wish to take advantage of a real money-saving sale, now is the time. Every item offered in a great bargain at the prices asked.

Many specials have been arranged in various departments that are not mentioned here. It will be worth your while to see them.

READING LAMPS

Our assortment of electric reading lamps offers a wonderful variety to select from.

$2.50 values for.....$1.50
$3.50 values for.....$1.95
$5.00 values for.....$3.95
$6.00 values for.....$4.95
$7.50 values for.....$5.95
$10.00 values for.....$7.50
$12.00 values for.....$9.95

FANCY BOX STATIONERY

Including linen paper and envelopes, initial paper, initial cards and cards with gilt finish, reduced as follows:

25c boxes for.....19c
35c boxes for.....25c
50c boxes for.....39c

Other values reduced in pro-portion.

BOOKS

A wonderful assortment of books suitable for every member of the family. Books for boys, books for girls and copyright books for the other members of the family. Books that are instructive as well as entertaining.

50c books now.....39c
25c books now.....19c

BIBLES

Teachers' editions, red letter edition, indexed, leather bound. Large variety to select from.

75c Bibles for.....67c
$1.00 Bibles for.....89c
$1.50 Bibles for.....$1.35
$2.00 Bibles for.....$1.80
$2.50 Bibles for.....$2.25
$3.00 Bibles for.....$2.70

Other values at reduced prives.

WHITE IVORY

The famous "Ivory Pyralin" in brushes, mirrors, combs, trays, military brushes, manicure sets, clocks, buffers, shoe horns, whisk brooms, tie holders, etc., at a reduction.

$6.50 values for.....$5.20
$4.00 values for.....$3.20
$3.50 values for.....$2.80
$3.00 values for.....$2.40
$2.50 values for.....$2.00
$2.00 values for.....$1.60
$1.50 values for.....$1.20
$1.00 values for.....89c
50c values for.....39c
25c values for.....19c

ART AND STAMPED WORK

We have arranged two special lots of stamped pieces and art work for easy selection.

50c values for.....39c
25c values for.....19c

All other drawn work, cluny and stamped work at greatly reduced prices.

HANDKERCHIEFS

Dainty handkerchiefs for men, women and children, in plain, initial and fancy embroidered.

$1.25 and $1.00 grade for....79c
75c grade for.....49c
50c grade for.....39c
35c grade for.....25c
25c grade for.....19c

One assorted lot of fancy handkerchiefs, worth up to 19c, special at, each, **10c.**

NECKTIES

Fancy neckties for men, assorted colors and patterns.

$1.00 grade for.....75c
75c grade for.....50c

DOLLS

During this sale we will offer our entire stock of dolls, including character dolls, daintily dressed dolls, kid body dolls, etc., at the following reductions.

$5.00 dolls for.....$3.95
$3.50 dolls for.....$2.80
$2.50 dolls for.....$2.00
$2.00 dolls for.....$1.60
$1.50 dolls for.....$1.20
$1.00 dolls for.....80c
50c dolls for.....39c
25c dolls for.....19c

FELT SLIPPERS

Fur trimmed slippers with leather soles, comfy slippers with wool padded soles, ribbon trimmed slippers, children's breakfast boots and dainty knitted slippers in assorted colors, with wool lined soles, all at a reduction.

$1.75 values for.....$1.39
$1.50 values for.....$1.25
$1.25 values for.....$1.00
$1.00 values for.....85c

Other grades at similar reductions.

CUT GLASS

Our entire assortment of cut glass in water sets, candelabra, creamers and sugars, celery trays, sherbet glasses, etc., has been divided into four lots for quick selling.

Lot One—values up to $10.00, for.....$5.95
Lot Two—Values up to $6.50, for.....$3.95
Lot Three—Values up to $3.00, for.....$1.95
Lot Four—Values up to $2.25, for.....$1.25

SILVERWARE

Community plate silverware in "Flower-de-luce," "Louis XVI and "Avalon" patterns, including knives and forks, fruit knives, oyster forks, ladles, butter spreaders, orange spoons, teaspoons, tablespoons, pie sets, etc,, has been arranged for quick selling. All pieces in above patterns will be greatly reduced during this sale.

Saturday being New Year's Day, this store will close promptly at 6 o'clock in the evening. Arrange your shopping accordingly.

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Guess Work Is DANGEROUS In Fitting Glasses

The old way of fitting glasses by guessing at the kind needed was often more harmful than going without them **NO GUESS WORK NOW.**

I sumbit the test, the correction, and the cost to you before you are asked to pay a single cent. You take no risk nor incur any obligation by coming to me about your eyes

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Merrigan & Bickett, Conception Junction
Bentley Merc. Co. Ravenwood. C. G. McMillan, Pickering
Kidd Mercantile Co. Graham. O. A. Petty, Arkoe.

Sunnybrook News

Christmas is over and a New Year coming. Everybody in and about Sunnybrook seemed to enjoy a very happy Christmas.

There was a shooting match last Thursday at Sunnybrook which was largely attended. There will be another match New Year's day of turkeys, geese and ducks.

Grandma Johnston, who has been very ill, is better at this writing.

John Bohart, wife and mother spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Haist.

Ed Patton is hauling corn to Joe Eaton at 60 cents per bushel.

Mrs. John Richardson of Colorado is spending the holidays with her parents near Ravenwood.

Joe Richardson and wife from Colorado are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kill of Graham.

M. A. Gray, wife and daughter Cleo spent Sunday at W. W. Aten's

W. A. Hayworth and family spent Christmas at B. F. Carey's.

H. L. Groves and family, M. A. Gray and family enjoyed a fine Christmas dinner at Judge Hayworth's home.

Major Leedy has returned from the west and will work for W. W. Aten.

Earl Deitrich of Kansas is spending the holidays with his brother, Charles Deitrich.

Elmer and May Young are spending the holidays with their uncle at Seymour, Ia.

Miss Adah Ware, who is studying at the Normal, is spending vacation at home.

Miss Cleo Gray, who is studying music at Drake university, is spending the holidays with her parents.

Samuel Hayworth received a box of fresh fish for Christmas from his daughter in Seattle, Wash.

A very pleasant and compiete surprise was given in honor of Miss Eva Davis last Thursday evening at her home. The evening was spent in playing games and music, and at a late hour a delicious lunch was served.

FOLLOW THE FLAG — WABASH

Winter Tourists Fares
to the SOUTHLAND
via WABASH

Perhaps this matter has suggested itself to you but things are not clear.

This we are glad to explain in detail to you, which means much to the proposed trip, to get the most out of it.

To New Orleans, La., and return....$37.40
To San Antonio, Texas, and return...$36.84
To Mobile, Ala., and return.....$37.40
To Jacksonville, Fla., and return...$46.90

Tickets on sale daily, final return limit June 1st, 1916. Diverse route arrangements with stop-over privileges permitted.

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INTERNATIONAL LAW MEET

Joint Session With Pan-American Union to Discuss League of Neutrals Today.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Closer co-operation of all of the American countries to secure the rights of neutrals against the violations of international law by the belligerents in the world war is the aim of the American Society of International Law, which will open its ninth annual meeting here tonight.

The custom of holding the annual meeting in April was suspended this year so that the society could meet in connection with the Second Pan-American Scientific Congress, which convened here yesterday. The society will meet, especially with the subsection on international law of the Pan-American Congress for the purpose of devising a firmer union of the Americas in the maintenance of international law. The "newer Monroe Doctrine," enunciated by President Wilson in his last address to Congress, is expected to be taken up in this connection.

The meeting will be opened by Elihu Root, ex-Senator from New York and former Secretary of State, now the president of the Society. He will deliver his annual presidential address. Norman Dwight Harris, professor of European diplomatic history in Northwestern University, will speak upon "The duties and obligations of neutral governments," parties to The Hague conventions, in case of actual or threatened violations by belligerents of the stipulations of the said conventions."

Infant Dies Near Ravenwood.

The 16-months-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dack died this morning at their home, near Ravenwood. The funeral services will be held at the house tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The Rev. B. H. Smallwood of the M. E. church, South, of Ravenwood will conduct the services. The burial will be in Sweet Home cemetery.

Big Cattle Shipment Today.

Today was a big day in Maryville for the shipment of cattle. Eight cars were sent from the Burlington yards today and at one time about noon almost fifty farm wagons were counted around the stock yards.

Live Stock to St. Joseph.

Live stock from Nodaway county was consigned to the St. Joseph market by N. S. Staples, Will N. Wray, D. D. Henderson, C. S. Rusco, W. S. Wendle, J. B. Nunnelley, John Stundon, Jr., and C. Bebout.

Montana Guests En Route Home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wood of Miles City, Mont., who have been visiting Mrs. G. A. Nash and other friends here, left this morning for Savannah, where they will spend the day. From there they will go to St. Paul for a visit before returning to their home.

Mrs. M. T. Burgen and Miss Laura Leazenby are spending the day in St. Joseph.

Highland Clark of Denver, Colo., is guest of his brother, A. T. Clark, at the Linville Hotel.

Mrs. Alfred Royston returned to her home in Pickering after a visit here with her sister, Mrs. John Young.

Mrs. W. R. Wells, daughter, Miss Marie, and son, A. B. Wells, left this morning for a short visit in St. Joseph.

Mrs. D. E. McDonald left this morning for Junction City, Kan., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. William Grammer, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Robey of Clarinda, Ia., were the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robey over Sunday.

Miss Hattie M. Hall, who is teaching school at Watson, Mo., is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. T. M. Hall, near Maryville.

Miss Rachel Watson of Pickering, was a visitor here today.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

Doughnuts
That will remain moist.

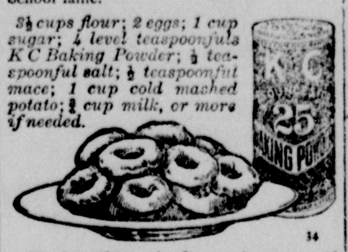
Every housewife who bakes her own bread knows that if a little potato is added to the sponge, the bread will not dry out as quickly. In this recipe potato is utilized to make doughnuts that will remain moist and fresh for several days.

K C will be found to have distinct advantages over any other Baking Powder for doughnuts. K C is a double acting baking powder with which a large batch of doughnuts may be mixed and fried a few at a time. The last will be as light and nice as the first.

K C Potato Doughnuts

By Mrs. Nevada Briggs, of Baking School fame.

3½ cups flour; 2 eggs; 1 cup sugar; 4 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder; ½ teaspoonful salt; ½ teaspoonful mace; 1 cup cold mashed potato; ½ cup milk, or more if needed.



Sift three times, the flour, salt, spice and baking Powder. Beat eggs with rotary beater, then still using rotary beater, gradually add sugar, then work in the mashed potato with a spoon and alternately add milk and flour mixture. Make a soft dough, roll into a sheet, cut into rounds, pinch a hole in the center with the finger and fry in deep fat.

Fat for frying should not be hot enough to brown the doughnut until it has risen. When the doughnut is dropped into the fat it sinks to the bottom. As soon as it comes up it should be turned and turned a number of times while cooking. This recipe is excellent as they do not take the fat in frying and will stay moist for days.

LETTER LIST.

The following is a list of the letters remaining unclaimed in the Maryville, Mo., postoffice for the week ending, Wednesday, December 29, 1915:

Men.

Anderson, George.
Corana, H. P.
Brock, T. R.
English, John J. (2).
Jacobs, Walker.
Krayenbuhl, O. C.
Phillips, Ed.
Price, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon.

Women.

Evans, Mrs. Addie.
McAdams, Miss Theresa (2).
Nunn, Mrs. Anney.
Patton, Miss Jennie.

Persons calling for the above named letters will please say "advertised."

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Lubin Coming to Missouri.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 29.—David Lubin, for ten years American delegate to the International Agricultural Institute in Rome, Italy, has accepted the invitation of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture as the opening speaker and guest of honor the first night of Farmers' Week, Monday, January 3rd. Lubin is one of the world's greatest authorities on farm marketing and rural credits.

A. C. Vickery and sons Cordene and Earle of Arkoe spent the day here yesterday.

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ROAD BUILDING

CONVICTS AS ROAD BUILDERS

Need for Co-Operation Between State Highway and State Prison Departments Is Outlined.

"The state highway department should hire convicts from the state prison department in exactly the same way as it would hire free laborers, and at the same price per day. During the hours of work the men should not be thought of as convicts, but simply as employees of the highway department. No payment should be made for a single hour not worked and a man discharged should be removed at once and permanently, while the highway department should have no responsibility for nor authority over the convicts at any time nor in any manner except to conduct their work or to discharge them."

This need for co-operation between the state highway and state prison departments is strongly urged in a report made to the New York state highway department by David J. Shorer, who was in charge of the convict road work in Green county, New York, during the summer of 1914.

Mr. Shorer's practical experience has demonstrated the importance of the recommendation for co-operation between the highway and prison departments in conducting convict road work, which the national committee on prisons and prison labor has advocated for a number of years and has been instrumental in embodying into the laws of the state of West Virginia.

The work in Green county, New York, was carried on under most difficult conditions. The men arrived at the camp before the organization and equipment were completed. They were sent there without regard to their suitability for the work and almost one-fourth were totally unfit and had to be returned to the prison. Arrangements for feeding the men were unsatisfactory, while winter made efficient work impossible fully two weeks before they were removed from the camp.

In spite of these difficulties Mr. Shorer reports that, taking the 60 convicts who were retained at the camp and comparing them with 51 civilians also working at the camp, the convicts averaged better than the civilians and as good as any ordinary contract gang. Under proper conditions he maintains there will be no difficulty in using convicts for this type of work with good results for the money expended.

Improved Road in New York.

The national committee on prisons and prison labor calls special attention to this report and its conclusion that two factors are essential to the success of convict road work. Responsibility for administration must be placed in the hands of those competent to meet it, and the men encouraged through a system of rewards so that they feel they have something to gain through good work.

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What we need is good roads and modern homes. Help the farmers secure these and you will do more toward building up the rural communities than any other two things.

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Brings Farms Nearer Town.

A farm ten miles from town on a hard road is nearer than a farm five miles from town on a soft road.

Learn to Make Roads.

We need more men out learning how to make roads than locating routes to make them on.

MARKET REPORTS

TODAY'S MARKETS BY WIRE.

Grain Market Futures.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Kansas City, Dec. 29.—WHEAT—December, $1.11½; May, $1.15⅝.

CORN—December, 68¼c; May, 71⅞c.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Kansas City, Dec. 29.—CATTLE—Receipts, 5,000. Market slow; steers, $8.00@9.75; cows, $4.00@9.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 9,000. Market 5c lower; top, $6.65; bulk, $6.35@6.65.

SHEEP—Receipts, 6,000. Market steady.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—CATTLE—Receipts, 60,000. Estimate tomorrow, 4,000.

HOGS—Receipts, 46,000. Market 5c lower; top, $6.70. Estimate tomorrow, 40,000.

SHEEP—Receipts, 18,000. Market steady.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

St. Joseph, Dec. 29.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,200. Market strong.

HOGS—Receipts, 10,000. Market 5c lower; top, $6.55.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3,000. Market steady.

LETTER IN MAILS 55 YEARS.

Son of Addressee Gets Missive of "Good Abe Lincoln's" Day.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A letter written by the Rev. Samuel Ward of Neoga, Ill., Nov. 6, 1860, the day he cast a ballot for "good Abe Lincoln," was received through the mails here recently by Professor W. B. Ward of Occidental college, a son of H. O. Ward of Zanesville, O., the man to whom it was addressed. Where the letter went after it was mailed will remain a mystery.

The next postmark after that of Neoga in 1860 is that of College Station, N. Y., Aug. 23, 1910. The letter reached Zanesville last October and after a search had been made for the addressee was forwarded here to Professor Ward, who lacks three days of being as old as the letter.

FREAK APPLE TREE.

Blossoms Half and Half at Its Sweet Will In Orchard Near Marion, Va.

Marion, Va.—This seems to be a season of freakish manifestations in garden and apple orchards of southwest Virginia. One of the most peculiar of these manifestations occurred on a farm a short distance east of Marion.

An apple tree which heretofore had borne its fruit in the natural and accepted manner blossomed in the spring on one half of the tree only, not a bloom appearing on the opposite half. Late in the summer, after the first crop of fruit had matured and been harvested, the tree blossomed on the second half, the fruit maturing in the usual manner.

HIDE ON THE DOOR.

Ends Modern Tale of Wolf That Was Too Greedy.

Minneapolis.—The fable of the greedy wolf that went once too often to the farmer's pasture became a reality here when one of the beasts evaded armed guards in Richfield and Bloomington and came to the city for his third helping of young duck at the home of Carl Hebner.

Mr. Wolf's hide is now curing on Hebner's chicken house door, while his pelt and claws are ready to be taken to the county auditor for a bounty.

Mrs. J. Morgan and daughters, Miss Florence of College Springs, Ia., and Miss Blanche, who is attending school in Lincoln, Neb., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Snodgrass during the holidays.

Paul Denny, who had been the guest of his mother, Mrs. Martha Denny, for several days, has returned to Des Moines.

Gordon Roach, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. J. E. Stewart, left last night for his home in Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Cook of Barnard were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Bickett yesterday.

Mrs. C. Edwin Wells returned today from a visit with relatives in Gardner, Kan.

J. H. Bond and son, Lloyd of Graham were visitors here today.

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FOR RENT—My residence on West Second street. Also bed davenport, oak bookcase, oak wardrobe, a No. 1 base burner, good range, for sale cheap. Mrs. E. B. Sheldon. 22-tf

LOST—Auto chain off Ford car, between John White's farm and high school bldg. Leave in this office. 29-31.

WANTED—$4,000 to loan. If you have that much idle money see me. Chas. E. Stilwell. 18-tf

LOST—Pair of glasses in steel case. Return to this office. 27-29

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Call Ed Brewer, Han. 4114. 27-31

ROOMS FOR RENT—With or without light housekeeping. Modern, 423 West Ninth street, or call 6217 Han. 27-29 3-5

FOR RENT—5 room house on South Main. ½ acre for garden. $8.00 per month. Owen Murrin, 717 So. Vine. 29-31.*

SEE OR PHONE for best grades Alfalfa. Strictly barn hay, baled. Act while roads are good. Both phones. Elmer Fraser. 29-4.

FARM FOR RENT—160 acres for cash rent. Guy Gray. 27-1*

A registered Chester White boar of Goodspeed stock, for service. B. F. Mozingo, East Halsey St. 23-30.*

For Sale.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Now empty 6-room house adjoining Normal grounds; 15 lots. J. T. Hayes, West Twelfth street. 25-tf

FOR SALE—240-acre farm 6 miles from town. Sell either 160 acres or the 240 acres. Call at this office. 27-tf

FOR SALE OR RENT—The James M. Johnson property at 216 East First street, modern, except heat. Call or write Walter Johnson, Pickering, Mo. 29-31.*

FOR SALE—Wood of all kinds. Prices right. Saunders Bros., Hanamo 3698. 27-tf

FOR SALE—Four Collie pups, 4 months old. Phone 544, Hanamo or call Fern theater. 28-30

FOR SALE—Plymouth Rock cockerels, nice ones, 85c each, or $10 per dozen. Mrs. Thomas E. Hall, 4 miles west of town. Farmers phone 5-13. 27-29

FOR SALE—Fine residence property in West Maryville. Two lots, good well, 8-room house and outbuildings; all in good condition. Plenty of fruit. For particulars write H. S. Schoonover, administrator, route 5, Maryville, or inquire at Real Estate Bank. 8-31*

FOR SALE—Good fresh cow, calf by side. See Clark Scott, Far. 5-12, R. No. 1, or C. W. Kiser, 809 North Mulberry. 21-tf

FOR SALE—White Rose Combed Leghorn cockerels, 75c each. Jess Dowden route 3, Farmers phone 115. 22-29*

Charles McCaffrey Not Witness.

Through an error yesterday the name of Charles McCaffrey, one of the lawyers for the defense in the case of the city vs. Bert Martin, was included with the witnesses.

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30 Head of Horses, Mares and Mules. What kind do you want to sell? Stock Cattle, Cows, Calves and Steers. The sale will be held as usual on the 1st Saturday in the month. Let's make this New Year Sale a Cracker-Jack. What do you want to sell?

R. P. Hosmer, "The Auctioneer"

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NEWS DISPATCHES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

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ARMY BILLS WILL BE ARGUED SOON

CONGRESSIONAL DISCUSSION ON TERM "ADEQUATE."

WILSON'S MESSAGE IS BASIS OF MEASURES

Preparedness and Rural Credits Will Be Introduced Right After the Holidays.

(By W. C. Van Cleve.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Notwithstanding the absence of a large majority of the members of congress during the holidays, the leaders are in frequent consultation, and plans are taking shape for a busy session after the first of the coming year. It is understood that the president will insist on an early consideration of the army and navy appropriation bills, which will embody whatever plans are adopted for preparedness. It is likely therefore that these bills will be reported from the committees at an early date, and that an early consideration of the matter of "adequate preparedness" will be begun. All leading political parties have declared for adequate preparedness, and most everybody is in favor of adequate preparedness, but the term "adequate" is, in this case, very indefinite. With equal information concerning the necessities given, it then becomes a matter of individual judgment as to what constitutes adequate or "fully sufficient," as Mr. Webster defines the term.

The president has made definite recommendations in his message, and it is around these that the contest will center. While these will be opposed, they are much more conservative than the recommendations of the general board made last July, but only recently given out. These were so radical that they were suppressed at the time by order of the president, who feared they might have an influence on the delicate situation then existing between the United States and Germany. A large number of bills have been introduced on the subject. Among them are bills to adopt the plan of Switzerland for the building of an army.

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Another matter that will come before the congress at an early day is the matter of a rural credit law. The matter was considered throughout the last congress, but the leaders were unable to agree upon a bill that they believed would meet the requirements fully. The main difference between the two leading advocates of rural credit legislation in the sixty-third congress was over the part the government should play. The more conservative members wanted the government to supervise and control, but not to finance, the institution. The other view was that the government should finance the rural credit banks also.

Last March a joint committee of leading members of the banking and currency committee and of the committee of agriculture of the house and senate was appointed to further digest the proposition and with instructions to report to congress this December. This report is now about ready and will be submitted next week. They have adopted and will recommend a complete plan for farm credits in some respects similar to the federal reserve banking system now in operation. That is, it will provide for a general governing board and the country will be divided into districts. A rural credit bank will be established in each district with a capital of one-half million dollars for each bank. Popular subscriptions to shares of ten dollars will be invited, and if the people do not subscribe a sufficient amount the government will take the remainder of the stock. A plan will be incorporated by which the government will be relieved of its stock from the earnings of the bank.

These are the district banks. The bill will also provide for the organization of local banks or co-operative loan bodies by the people of the various localities which are to pass on applications, examine titles and so on. An individual and general responsibility will be features of the plan. The present scheme is a compromise between the forces led by Representative Bulkley and Representative Moss in the last congress. A sort of affiliation between the local associations and other banks and trust companies will be provided to give the scheme as much flexibility and mobility as possible. A plan is also under consideration involving personal credits, but this is not fully matured, and the report on that feature will be delayed two or three weeks.

If the bill meets the general situation as fully as the committee believes, there will be little need for similar institutions to be fostered by the states. If such a scheme is to be attempted by any state, it should be made to conform with the federal law or there will be a conflict ruinous to the state institution.

APPEAL FROM PROBATE FILED

J. J. Duncan Asked Judge Conn to Make Him Administrator of O'Donnell Estate, But Was Denied.

James Joseph Duncan filed an appeal from the probate court in the office of the Circut Clerk, Henry Westfall, this moning through his attorneys Crawford & Sayler. The estate of Sarah N. O'Donnell and its administrator, Joseph J. Enis, are the defendants in the suit.

A motion to discuss the letters of administration and to appoint Mr. Duncan to that office in the estate was denied by Judge W. H. Conn in the adjourned November term of the Probate court. Cook, Cummins & Dawson represent the estate.

DICK WADE SHOOTS 2 MEN

One Killed Instantly, But Other Will Live—In St. Joseph Gambling Den Yesterday.

When two masked men entered a gambling joint in the second story of the building at 512 Edmond street, in St. Joseph, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning to recover $150, as one of them claimed, lost at cards there yesterday afternoon, one of the men was instantly killed and the other was probably fatally wounded.

The killing and wounding was done by Dick Wade, the notorious St. Joseph gambler, who is proprietor of the gambling house in which the tragedy was enacted.

Although the bullet scratched the apex of his heart, John W. Luppy, who was shot through the breast in an attempt to rob the Senate club, 512½ Edmond street, early yesterday morning, which resulted in the death of his pal, "Skeet" Young, at the hands of Dick Wade, is expected to recover. For several hours after the shooting, Luppy's life hung in a balance, but toward last night he began to gain strength.

K. S. P ON PREPAREDNESS

Presbyterian Young Men Will Follow Up Discussion Aroused by Pastor's Sermons.

Two sermons recently on the subject of preparedness have aroused considerable discussion among the parishioners of the Rev. William Moll Case, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The Knights of St. Paul, the boys' division of the young people's society, will have that subject for debate next Sunday night. Joe Farmer and James Gray will uphold the preparedness plans and Harold Sawyers and William Van Cleve will deny the need for such preparation.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

Tonight

THE IDOL—3 parts

A tense socialogical drama.

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A side splitting comedy made for laughing purposes.

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THEATRE OF COMFORT

P. S.—Don't Forget Fox Feature Friday Night—"THE TWO ORPHANS" in 7 parts.

LINCOLN ROAD WORK

ELMO REGISTER GIVES SUMMARY OF YEAR'S RESULTS.

BRIDGES AT LOW COST

96 Bridges at Cost of $21,000 This Season and $4,000 Remains for Next Year.

The Elmo Register has the following to say of the road work in Lincoln township which has been closed for the year:

Lincoln Township concrete work, on the bridges and culverts of the township, has been concluded for the year, and the machinery and supplies have been hauled to Elmo and stored.

Owing to the unfavorable weather the showing is not as good as it would have been, but it is a good one anyhow. Ninety-six bridges and culverts have been built, at a cost approximately $21,000. This compares favorably with Polk township which built 188 at a cost of $50,000. Theirs cost about $265, each, and ours about $219.

A number of culverts were built with corrugated tubes with concrete heads, there being several of them on hand. One new tube was bought. A tube was put in at a place where it was thought the road would be changed some day, and it was not thought best to put in permanent work that might be lost.

The funds were apportioned to the road districts in proportion to their assessed valuation, and the money so apportioned, was spent in the district. Of course there was not enough to build all the structures needed, and so only those needed worst were built.

There is about $4,000 yet on hand of the money raised by the sale of the bonds. This sum together with the money received from the state, and the funds that can be spared from the township fund, will enable the Board to do quite a lot of work next year. Another item is that the work done this year is of a permanent nature, and will not have to be done over, year after year, as it has been the case in the past.

Taking it all in all, our Board has done well, and is to be congratulated on the work done. Mistakes have been made, of course, for the Board is but human, and liable to err, but if any one thinks they can do better, they should have a chance at the next election. We are sure the present Board will willingly give way.

The Board has had the cordial assistance of the road overseers, and some of them are good ones too, and much of the credit for work done is due them.

The Board has been criticised for employing an engineer, but we should remember that unless one is employed and accurate maps and plans of the work done and an itemized statement of the cost of each structure is made, we would have no chance to draw from the aid promised under the state law. It does seem that any one ought to see the point to this.

MAIL PROTESTS SHARP

DEMAND FOR EXPLANATION AT ONCE FROM ENGLAND.

British Ships Have Seized Postal Sacks to and From United States to Holland.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 29.—A sharply-worded protest will be sent at once to the British government from the state department of the United States against the interference of Great Britain with mail from America to and from Holland.

The protest will be based upon the reports of Consul-General Skinner at London. Officials said today that a demand will be made upon England to explain her acts immediately.

A Berlin dispatch yesterday told of the seizure of 640 sacks of mail to Dutch ports from this country.

Mrs. W. C. Van Cleve left this morning for Joplin, where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. G. Blair.

THEIR VOICES EXTRA GOOD

So Musical Comedy Audience of "A Prince for a Day" Enjoyed Show Last Night.

Voices better than the average musical comedy, a good yodler, and Milton Schuster as the Jew comedian, gave a large audience a good two hours laugh and plenty of musical enjoyment at the Empire theater last night, where "A Prince for a Day" was given.

The trio of Schuster, Jensen and Robinson was particularly good and received repeated encores. The songs were not the newest, and some of the jokes had been heard before, but the steps of the chorus were good, and, as before stated, the voices were better, which is what a musical comedy audience most desires.

HARTMAN-OAKERSON

FORMER COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT MARRIED.

Miss Frances Catherine Hartman Becomes Bride of Chief Education Clerk of Missouri Today.

Miss Frances Catherine Hartman of this city and William Miles Oakerson, a former county superintendent of schools of this county, were married this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Robidoux hotel in St. Joseph. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Gilbert S. Cox, pastor of the First M. E. church of this city. Couny Superintendent Bert Cooper and Mrs. Cooper were present at the wedding.

The bride is a daughter of George A. Hartman of this city and is a graduate of the State Normal school, and was a student at the University of Missouri last year. For five years she was the principal of the Hot Springs, S. D., high school.

The bride's dress was a traveling suit of dark blue with a black hat. They will make their home in Jefferson City. Mr. Oakerson was county superintendent of schools of this county up to a year ago when he resigned to accept the position of chief clery in the state department of education at Jefferson City.

ELKS' STUNT BEST EVER

ST. JOSEPH MALE QUARTET ADDED TO ATTRACTIONS.

New Year's Party Will Have Cabaret Dinner and Fine Luncheon for Members of B. P. O. E.

A cabaret dinner dance to be given by the Elks club at their club house on New Year's eve will be the best one yet held, according to the committee in charge. A quartet from St. Joseph, composed of Roy Parland, Bert Trullinger, Sam Jones and Ray Barry, have been engaged in addition to the Miss Antoinette Mayes and Jule Hyde of Kansas City, who will give several dancing specialties. The quartet comes highly recommended, and the evening's entertainment will be of the best. Maulding's orchestra will furnish the music.

The menu for the dinner is as follows: Cocktail a la W. J. B., blue points, wafers, celery, olives, baked Lake Superior trout, Saratoga chips, Indian relish, roast young turkey, cranberry sauce, O'Brien potatoes, creamed peas and mushrooms, oyster dressing, B. P. O. E. sherbet, congealed fruit with whipped cream, Neapolitan ice cream, cake, coffee, mints and smoke if you like.

The dinner will be held in the lodge hall of the club house. Reservations will be on sale this evening at 8 o'clock at the club.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Shipley and son Tragan, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson, departed this morning for their home.

H. E. Korf, who has been a house guest at the home of Miss Olivette Godsey, returned this morning to his home in St. Joseph.

Mrs. A. B. Croy left this morning for St. Joseph, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Nova Lowe for several days.

Miss Winnifred Limerick of Savannah, Mo., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Toel, 204 East Thompson St.

STAR THEATRE, TONIGHT

"The Diamond from the Sky" Chapter Six

WATERWAYS OF BRIDGES—A Picture of Belgium

BUGHOUSE BELLHOPS—A Comedy, A Sure Grouch Destroyer

MAY EXCLUDE IRISH

HIGH POPULAR FEELING AGAINST CONSCRIPTION THERE.

RUSSIA STRONG IN PERSIA

Believed That Slav Troops Will Co-Operate With British Troops in Mesopotamia Campaign.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

London, Dec. 29.—The Irish may be excluded from the terms of the compulsory military service bill for conscription which will be introduced into parliament soon.

This action is expected because of the high state of popular feeling in Ireland against the system of drafting.

A Reuter dispatch from Teheran, Persia, says that the Russians have occupied several more important Persian towns including Kasban and are marching toward Ispahan.

This shows that the Russian forces are cutting into southern Persia toward Mesopotamia. It is believed that co-operation with the British army in that zone is contemplated.

Another British steamer was sunk by a submarine this morning. Only two of the crew were saved.

No further details have been received from the Greek steamer Thessaloniki which sent a wireless last night that it was in distress.

18 German Soldiers Dead in Wreck.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Eighteen German soldiers were killed and forty-five were injured when a troop train carrying men back on a furlough jumped the track.

PRIEST RETURNS FROM ROME

Father Augustine of Conception, Professor in College There, Forced to Leave by Italy.

The priest who assisted Father Henry F. Niemann in the Christmas services at St. Patrick's church had just returned from Rome, where he had been for nine years. He was Father Augustine, who went from Conception abbey to become a professor in the International Catholic college there.

Father Augustine and others from neutral and Teutonic countries, was forced to leave Rome to avoid being interned by the government. Although Father Augustine is a naturalized American citizen, he is a native of Switzerland. Many of the students who were in the college at Rome left the school to join the allied armies, and it was necessary to suspend the school.

ANOTHER OUT OF FORD PARTY.

Herman Bernstein Defects at Stockholm and Goes to The Hague.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Stockholm, Dec. 29.—Herman Bernstein is the latest defection from the Ford peace party. He withdrew this morning and left for The Hague. The ship will leave tomorrow for Copenhagen.

FAMOUS YALE COACH DEAD.

Fame Came to Him by Beating Princeton This Year.

Minneapolis, Dec. 29.—Thomas L. Shevlin, millionaire lumberman and Yale coach, died this morning of pneumonia. He took charge of the Yale football team this year and gained fame when Princeton was defeated 10-6. His glory faded a week later, however, when Harvard trounced the blue the worst in the history of their athletics.

Sarah Bernhardt in Good Health.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Sarah Bernhardt, noted actress, will leave soon for London for an engagement. She announced this morning that she is in the best of health.

Ciphering Match at Myrtle Tree.

The Myrtle Tree Booster club will give a program and ciphering match tomorrow night, December 30. Lincoln Partridge and Arthur Dowden will be the captains in the ciphering match. Miss Ada Walter, John Dowden and Mrs. Anna Moberly have charge of the program arrangements.

STORM GRIPS OHIO AND IND.

All Telegraph, Telephone and Interurban Service Demoralized by Heavy Blizzard and Sleet.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Indianapolis, Dec. 29.—All telephone, telegraph and interurban service was demoralized last night and this morning by a heavy sleet and snow storm

The blizzard has the entire state and most of Ohio in its grasp today.

A heavy gale of sleet and snow is raging through the middle states from Virginia to Kentucky today.

BUCHANAN WILL RESIST

SAYS MEMBER OF CONGRESS CAN'T BE ARRESTED.

The Charge of Pro-German Activities Against Eight Prominent Men is Misdemeanor.

Special to the Democrat-Forum

Washington, Dec. 29.—Congressman Frank Buchanan of Illinois, who was indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury, declared today that he would resist arrest.

He declared that as a member of congress he cannot be arrested. The charge is a misdemeanor for pro-German activities.

KILLS WIFE AND STEPSON

Wealthy Englewood, Kan., Man Said Widow Whom He Married Recently Tried to Kill Him.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Wichita, Dec. 29.—B. W. A. Honson, a wealthy stockman of Engleman, Kan., near here, killed his wife this morning by blowing off her head with a shotgun. He then brained a stepson with the butt of the gun when the young man came to his mother's assistance.

The couple were recently married and Honson asserts that his wife and stepson tried to kill him.

JOE M'GARY ON PEACE CHARGE.

Complaint Made by Wife Against Bedison Man.

Joe McGary will answer to the charge of disturbing the peace at the January term of court. The complaint was made by his wife today, and information was filed by W. G. Sawyers, prosecuting attorney.

The family lives near Bedison and domestic infelicity and disagreement caused the complaint to be made which led to the charge.

Railroad's Fine Approved.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 29.—Judge McPherson of the United States court of appeals here, today sustained the fine of $200,000 on the Central Railroad of New Jersey for granting rebates to the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Taylor returned to their home in Hopkins today after a visit here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Taylor. The former is very ill with the grippe.

GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS GIVEN OUT

FOUR BILLION DOLLARS INDEMNITY AND COLONIES.

WOULD EVACUATE BOTH BELGIUM AND FRANCE

Wolff News Agency, Close to Government, Gets Article by Official Censor.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Wolff News Agency, quoting a Swiss newspaper, gives the terms upon which it is said that Germany is willing to make peace. The fact that that news agency has such a close relation to the government and that the official censor permitted the publication of the news is considered significant.

The terms are a minimum indemnity four million and fifteen million dollars the restoration of the German colonies by England, and the restoration of Poland into a separate and independent state.

Germany will agree to evacuate Belgium and France.

Two More Ships in Trouble.

Amsterdam, Dec. 29.—The Dutch steamer Erien is floundering at sea, following an explosion in which three were killed and eight wounded.

A Bergen dispatch says that the Norwegian steamer Hornelen was sunk presumably by a drifting mine. One of the crew was lost.

TO PUT ON SPECIAL FILM.

Union of Young People's Societies Behind "Nature Man" at Fern January 11.

The cabinet of the union of young people's societies decided at their regular monthly meeting last night to hold a special theater social at the Fern theater, Tuesday night, January 11. A special film, Joe Knowles, "The Nature Man," has been secured, and tickets will be sold by the young people of the churches.

Knowles will be remembered as the naturalist who went into the Maine woods with no fire, tools or food, and demonstrated that it is possible for man still to get his living and comfort without the aids of civilization. He has since reproduced his experiences before the camera, and the film is the result.

County Court Tomorrow.

The Nodaway County Court will hold an adjourned session of the December court tomorrow to close up business attendant upon the end of the year. Judge E. T. Bailey of Elmo, who was ill during the last court, will be here tomorrow.

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* THE WEATHER *

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Unsettled weather tonight and Thursday; probably snow; colder Thursday.

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Announcement.

We are authorized to announce Robert I. Young of Buchanan county as a Democratic candidate for Congress from the Fourth district, subject to the primary election to be held August 8, 1916.

The man who stops advertising because business is poor would be more consistent in firing a clerk or closing up every other day to save fuel. Not that we want anyone to lose a job, but the business reason is this: When advertising stops, the thing which draws trade and which compels business, according to John Wanamaker, has been fired and turned out of a job.

The ancient name of Greece was Hellas. It is probably like old times in many parts of that country now.

Nodaway county has lost immeasurably in the last ten days, as almost a dozen residents who had passed the four score year mark were taken into the great beyond.

A little cement and water are mixed with the sands of time in which the famous footprints are now made.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat gives a little free advice to the American people always to choose their own presidents. That advice is a little late, having been taken in 1912, after the bitter and sad experience of letting T. R. pick one for them in 1908.

"The saddest sight in the world to me," says Fuller Grippe, "is a man whose only conception of humor is vulgarity."

Our children will have the strange experience of hearing a young lady say that she is a Democrat because her mother and grandmother before her were Democrats.

WHICH IS NEARER HELL?

The name applied to the place of torment is frequently used with reference to war. And the mind staggers at the horrors of Europe. But if we in America had a proper and true perspective, a more horrible hell might be seen in our very midst.

The most conservative figures are that 100,000 drunkards die yearly. That means that one boy from every fifth family begins the habit to become the drunkard. Every year 60,000 girls are drawn down into the vortex of lives of shame. Child labor is still generally tolerated. War surely can't be much worse than the grinding sweatshop labor which thousands suffer or their bitter poverty.

One of the most pitiable things about the present war is that so many of us are becoming hardened to its horrors. Even the death figure of a half million among the English alone scarcely affected us with its stupendous, unspeakable awfulness.

The explanation of our indifference to similar conditions of peace in our own land is probably to be found in the callousness of familiarity. But after looking at war, then at the liquor traffic, white slavery and other abuses, just ask yourself solemnly, "Which is nearer hell?"

The expression "perfect circle" is said to be tautology, but anyway our idea of a perfect circle is to make a resolution never to make any more resolutions.

Like the morning after the night before, this is the week after the WEEK before with us all. Merchants tear down their Christmas windows and delay putting in new ones; everybody seems to let everything slide.

MEANEST MAN AGAIN FOUND

Threw Open Knife Into Mouth of Hippopotamus—Another Fed Camels Arsenic.

New York, Jan. 29.—The meanest man appeared here this week and probably would spend some time in Sing Sing or Matteawan if the police could lay their hands on him.

He threw a penknife with the blades open into the mouth of Miss Murphy, the big hippopotamus of the Central Park menagerie.

When Miss Murphy shut her ponderous jaws, expecting some luscious morsel, she gave a grunt of pain and a moment later spit out the knife, covered with crimson.

The meanest man escaped.

Perhaps he is the same incredible being who recently, according to Head Keeper Bill Snyder, fed arsenic to the two last camels the menagerie possessed. Both died.

If anything should happen to Miss Murphy it would be a serious blow not only to the little folk of the city but to the menagerie income. Despite her name, Miss Murphy is the wife of Caliph and every year bears him a fat, black little 250 pound baby, whose sale brings a goodly sum into the municipal coffers.

Mrs. O. E. Hazelwood and daughter, who have been spending Christmas with the former's mother, Mrs. S. C. Goforth, returned this morning to her home in Barnard. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. O. E. Stoner and son of Whitesville, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sherlock and son Paul returned last night to their home in St. Joseph, after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Tobin.

Mrs. J. L. Hepburn, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. E. Hotchkin, returned to her home in Hopkins today.

Miss Amy Clark left this morning for Chillicothe, where she will be the guest of her brother, Bert Clark, and Mrs. Clark for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Weese, who have been spending a few days with Mrs. Addie Miller, left this morning for their home in Clarksdale.

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LATEST BURGLAR'S TOOL DISCOVERED

"Old Man" With Four Legs Fashioned by Prisoner.

QUIETLY RIPS SAFE KNOB.

Marks Found After Robbery In Michigan Trust Company at Grand Rapids Spoke Volumes to Detectives—Weighs Less Than Ten Pounds, but Does Job. Sometimes "Soup" Is Needed.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—A few years ago a mechanician fashioned a few strips of steel at his home forge, and the grotesque creation of this man, who is now serving time in the Ohio penitentiary, was christened "old man," and by way of distinction he was spoken of as having four legs.

When top story men worked in the Michigan Trust building here on a recent Sunday and tore out the combinations of two safes and shot another with nitroglycerin the "old man" with the four legs left his imprints on the safes. Where his "feet" had been planted were four deep dents. Those marks spoke volumes to the detectives.

Only expert safe crackers use the "old man." The man whose brain gave birth to this ingenious tool fashioned a most powerful and useful implement for the craft who use explosives and drill steel safes for a living when some commonwealth is not feeding and housing them in exchange for a safe cracking job or some other depredation.

A piece of steel fashioned into the semblance of a narrow horseshoe is the framework of the "old man." There is just enough room between these strips to enable the "old man" to drop over the knob of a safe. Four holes drilled in the "old man's" frame furnish the foothold for the four legs. The holes are threaded with a fine thread, as are the legs.

Once the "old man" fastens his grip upon the safe knob the legs are screwed into the holes. The close threads on bolts and hole give the "old man" a tremendous purchase power, and with a monkey wrench the legs are screwed down.

In a moment they are fast and the "old man's" back is bent to the task. So short and powerful is his frame and so closely set are his legs that there is no chance for him to bend at his work. The combination commences to give, and as the jaws of the wrench twist the legs in deeper the knob is slowly torn out. Entrance to the safe then is easy, and the inner compartments, once bared, are easily battered in.

The "old man's" right hand aid is a self fed drill, which can be fastened into the "old man's" frame as easily as one of the legs. An extra hole is drilled into the frame, and into this fits the threaded bolt that holds the drill steady and in place. But the drill is used only where the charge of "soup," or nitroglycerin, is resorted to in blowing the safe.

In this case the yeggs fasten the "old man" securely on the safe knob. The drill is placed, and the yegg then feeds the steel drill as he turns the handle. The bolt which holds the drill to its work and which is fastened into the "old man's" frame is one piece, while the drill is set inside of a threaded bolt that pushes it forward with the regularity the yegg uses in drilling.

After the hole is deep enough the "soup" is administered, and the hole is covered with wax and a fuse attached. Office rugs are thrown over the safe, and the yeggs step to one side as the fuse is fired. The real yegg uses just enough "soup" to accomplish the work of wrecking the safe without blowing the doors through a wall or making unnecessary noise.

The last job done in which the "old man" and a charge of "soup" were used was sufficient just to pull the door from its steel fastenings and hurl the combination out. Pushing back the bolts was nothing, and with a kit of special tools the yeggs soon entered the strong box.

The latest jobs credited to the "old man" with the four legs are those at Flint, in which much loot was taken from a bank; the Vermontville postoffice and the United Light and Railways company's offices here, in which the "old man" was clamped on three safes.

One of the most complete yegg outfits in captivity is in possession of Director of Safety A. A. Carroll, who has the "old man" with the four legs. Included in this outfit are drills of various sizes, threading tools, skeleton key, "soup" guns, wax, chisels and sundry articles. The outfit was taken from a pair of yeggs who were captured by Director Carroll, but who fled after they jumped their bail bonds.

So complete was the tool molded by the inventor of the "old man" that the police assert no added inventions have come to make such an instrument more useful.

MILE A MINUTE TO SAVE DOG

Motorist Wins In Race Against Fire; Also Rescued Pet Cat.

Anoka, Minn.—Anthony Bryson drove an automobile forty miles in forty-five minutes over frozen country roads to save his dog and cat from fire.

Bryson's home on Elk river took fire while the owner and his wife were away. He was called on the telephone, and the race began. Bryson arrived too late to save the home, but rescued the pets.

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CONGRESS HAS MANY CIVIL WAR VETERANS

Former Soldiers of Union and Confederacy Now Fourteen.

Washington.—Scattered through the membership of the house of representatives, so far as autobiographies in the Congressional directory disclose, are three men who served in the Union army and three men who served in the Confederate army. In the senate there are five former Union soldiers and three former Confederate soldiers.

A few years ago a much larger percentage of the house and senate members was composed of veterans of the war of '61 to '65. The latest directory furnishes the names of the old soldiers as follows:

Representatives Ebenezer J. Hill of Connecticut, Isaac R. Sherwood of Ohio and David A. Hollingsworth of Ohio, all of whom served in the Union army.

Representatives Albert Estopinal of Louisiana, J. Fred C. Talbott of Maryland and Charles M. Stedman of North Carolina of the Confederate army.

Senators John H. Bankhead of Alabama, Benjamin R. Tillman of South Carolina and Thomas B. Catron of New Mexico are the members of the senate who fought on the side of the south.

The senators who served in the northern army were John D. Works of California, Henry A. du Pont of Delaware, Knute Nelson of Minnesota, Nathan Goff of West Virginia and Francis E. Warren of Wyoming.

Senator Thomas S. Martin and Representative William A. Jones, both of Virginia, were cadets at the Virginia Military Institute during the war and were called out for service in some of the Virginia campaigns.

Every congress naturally has a "kid member," and that honor in the Sixty-fourth congress has fallen to Representative Sydney E. Mudd of La Plata, Md. Mr. Mudd was born June 20, 1885, and, therefore, is thirty years old. He is the youngest member of congress. But Mr. Mudd is not the youngest man to be elected to a congress.

Representative Pat Harrison of Mississippi, a member of the present house, was only twenty-nine years old when he came to Washington in his official capacity the first time. He is now only thirty-four years old, though he is entering upon his third term.

California has more political parties represented in its delegation in congress than any other state. In the house the Pacific coast state has three members who describe themselves as Republicans.

There are three Democrats, one Independent, two Progressives, one Progressive-Republican and one Prohibitionist.

Blows Up Money.

Ashland, Ore.—Workmen employed on the ditch of the Rogue River Canal company recently set off a charge of dynamite under a stump, and the air was filled with dollars and half dollars. The blast uncovered a money cache that had been buried there since the early sixties.

T. A. Cummins left last night for St. Joseph, where he will transact business.

Mrs. A. T. McDowell and Mrs. J. M. Hughes left last evening for a visit with the latter's son, Dr. J. E. Hughes, in Oklahoma.

Forrest Hanna returned to Kansas City this morning after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hanna.

INFANT DEATH RATE STUDIED

Highest Mortality of Children of Mothers Who Have Hard Work—Civic Conditions Significant.

Washington, Dec. 29.—An extremely high death rate among babies of overworked mothers is emphasized in the annual report of the Children's Bureau made public today. Just how high this death rate is the Bureau is seeking to learn in a detailed inquiry into the social and economic causes of babies' deaths.

Investigations during the past year, says the report, reveals that the average infant death rate in steel-making and coal-mining towns is 134 out of every 1,000 babies, as compared with 84 out of every 1,000 babies in a residential suburb. Johnstown, Pa., and Montclair, N. J., were selected as representative cities for this inquiry. Conditions are being studied now in Manchester, N. H., New Bedford, Mass. Waterbury, Conn., Saginaw, Mich., and Arkon, O.

"The more favorable the civic and family surroundings and the better the general conditions of life the more clearly are they reflected in a lessened infant mortality," says the report. The report states that the inquiries so far conducted have resulted in the securing of infant-welfare nurses, improving the milk supply, and "rousing community interest in kindred activities."

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Mrs. L. W. Ford left last evening for West Plains, Mo., where she will visit her brother, R. V. Wayland, Jr., and Mrs. Wayland. She was accompanied by her father, Rev. R. V. Wayland, Sr., who has been visiting here.

WHOLESALE PRICES LOWER

Federal Bureau Shows Middleman Got Money if Cost of Living Is Higher.

Washington, Dec. 29.—If the cost of living increased during 1914, the retail merchants must have gotten the money. Wholesale prices in the United States were nearly one per cent lower in 1914 than in 1913. This increase is shown in figures made public today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor based upon an examination of the aggregate value of 340 representative commodities.

More than half of the commodities and clothing, fuel and lighting, metals listed in four main groups—clothes and metal products, and lumber and building materials—decreased in price from 1913 to 1914. Notable decreases were shown in the yearly average prices of cotton yarns, print cloths, storm serges, Silican cloth, worsted yarns, coke, gasoline, crude petroleum, bar iron, copper ingot, sheet copper, copper wire, iron ore, pig lead, lead pipe, pig iron, cast iron pipe, steel billets, steel tank platew, steel sheets, structural steel, pig tin, wood screws, brick in New York City, plate glass, Douglas fir, rosin and cedar shingles.

Mrs. Fred McLarnon returned last evening to her home in St. Joseph, after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Shellgarten.

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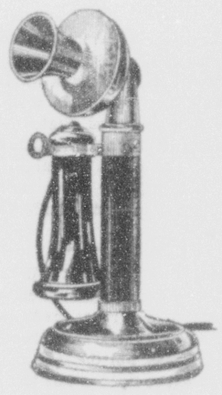

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$1.00 values for.....79c
$1.25 values for.....95c
$2.00 values for.....$1.50

Ladies' Furs

Muffs and Scarfs to match, values up to $35.00 for **half price.**

All other Furs reduced **one-third** in price

Ladies' Skirts

reduced **one-fourth** in price.

Ladies' Dresses

one lot reduced **half price.**

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Miss Lois Smith of Arkoe was a visitor here yesterday.

W. S. Swinford of Bedison was a visitor here yesterday.

Ed Lance of Graham transacted business here yesterday.

J. L. Gregory, who has been visiting friends here, returned home last night.

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This, the Holiday Season, is a fiscal period of the commercial and the personal relations between man and man—the casting up time of friends and profits. With the passing of this Year, with the advent of another, let us determine to put the best of ourselves into our business relations, as well as our personal relations that the joys of holidays may extend a little further around the calendar each year until they meet and include all days.

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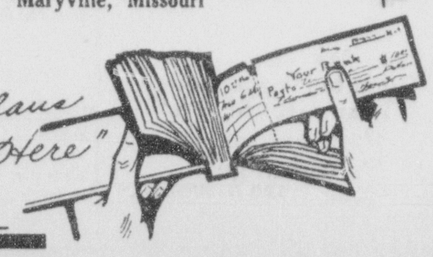

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Dinner at Montgomery Home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Montgomery will have as their guests at 6 o'clock dinner this evening, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Toel, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Montgomery, Miss Winifred Limerick of Savannah, who is a guest at the Toel home, Mr. Court Toel of Hot Springs, Ark., who is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Toel, and Mr. Frank Schumacher.

M. I. Circle Met.

The M. I. Circle met at the home of Mrs. Omer Catterson yesterday afternoon. There was a very good attendance and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. After the usual program a contest of celebrated pictures was held and Mrs. Oliver Garrett and Mrs. L. R. Holt tied for first place. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. W. W. Stiwalt and Mrs. Vada Halley.

Visiting Guests Entertained at Dinner.

Miss Mary Lewis and brother, Martin Lewis, Jr., gave a dinner last night it honor of Miss Jessie Wigginton of Macedonia, Ia., who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lou Denny, and Mr. John Tracy of Kansas City, who is the guest of Eugene Martin.

Plates were laid for: Miss Vella Booth, Mr. Eugene Martin, Mr. Philip Colbert, Mr. Loren Egley, Mr. Fred Lewis, Mr. Martin Lewis, Sr., and the hosts.

Dinner and House Party, Irvin Home, Burlington Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Irvin gave a Christmas dinner and house party at their home, near Burlington Junction, the guests remaining over Sunday.

Those present were: Mrs. Maggie Kellogg, Miss Hattie and Miss Jessie Kellogg, Mr. Ralph Kellogg, and Mr. Virgil McClure of Braddyville, Ia.; Mr. William Yates of Blanchard, Ia.; Miss Violette Irvin and Mr. William Henderson of Skidmore.

Sunday Dinner. M and Mrs. Campbell Hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Campbell entertained with a dinner Sunday evening at their home at Barnard, in compliment of their cousin, Miss Lorene Thompson of Guilford. The table was artistically decorated with a miniature Christmas tree, surrounded by artificial snow.

The guests were: Misses Alcie Drydale, Velma Burns, Irene Thrasher, Fern Campbell, Thelma Curnutt, Ida Campbell, Mrs. W. H. Campbell, Messrs. Frank Pew, Owen Campbell, Jim Thrasher, Dean Campbell and Howard Campbell.

Christmas Party. Westminster Guild Last Night.

The Westminster Guild gave a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Emery Airy last night. The rooms were beautifully decorated in red and green, and in the dining room, on each table, was a miniature Christmas tree, embellished with tiny candles. The lights were turned out and the candles lighted when refreshments were served. Mrs. Airy was assisted by Mrs. W. H. Allen.

The visitors were: Miss Lulu Todd, Miss Bertha Ritze, Miss Ethel Ware, Miss Maude McMillan and Mrs. Hal Hooker.

Party at Sunnybrook. Miss Gray Hostess Monday Evening.

Miss Cleo Gray of Sunnybrook entertained a number of her friends at her home Monday evening. Games and music were the diversions of the evening, after which a luncheon was served by the hostess.

The guests included: Misses Eva and Elsie Davis, Myrtle and Emil Rasnic, Adah and Vidah Ware, Fay Hammond, Alice Crain, Naomi Ware, Florence Aten, Grace Elliott, Opal Ellis, Messrs. Earl Deitrich, Owen Campbell, Paul Ware, Dick Crain, Jimmie Thrasher, Elmer Thrasher, Chester Crain, Sammie Hayworth, Otis Hayworth, Frank Elliott, Edgar Elliott, Leslie Davis, Charles Hartman, Raymond Groves, Artie Pittsenberger, Major Leedy.

Family Reunion. Knepper Children Home.

The home of Samuel Knepper, eight miles north of Skidmore, this Christmas was just a little different from the last twenty, for all the children were again assembled under the same roof. Miss Gertrude, who keeps house for her father, prepared a sumptuous dinner on Christmas day, and those who gathered around the family board were: Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Knepper and daughter of Parks, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Knepper and children of Westboro, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Knepper and children of Maryville, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Roelofson and daughter of Lincoln, Neb.; B. E. Knepper of Westboro, Miss Myrtle Knepper of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Miss Ida Knepper of Searcy, Ark., and George C. and Gertrude, who are at home. Mr. Knepper is 78 years old, but hale and hearty for one of his years.

Kensington Tea Mrs. Shinabargar Hostess.

Mrs. J. S. Shinabargar entertained this afternoon with a kensington tea in honor of Mrs. J. P. Poole of Manhattan, Kan., who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred Harvey. An informal musical program was given by Mrs. Wilderman, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Poole and Mildred Shinabargar.

The guests were: Mrs. Fred Harvey, Mrs. J. E. Bailey, Mrs. H. B. Schuler, Mrs. Thad Wilderman, Mrs. Conrad Yehle, Mrs. L. E. Dean and sister, Mrs. Frank Welch of Shenandoah, Ia., Mrs. J. D. Richey, Mrs. J. C. Allender and Mrs. Lafe Allender of Atlantic, Ia., who is her guest; Mrs. Tom Wadley, Mrs. Clara Heath and sister, Miss Bertha Ritze of Minneapolis, Minn.

Will Bracken Weds Ohio Girl Christmas.

Friends have received the announcement of the marriage of Miss Augusta Rutledge of Carrollton, O., to Will Bracken of Maryville, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Rebecca Rutledge, in Carrollton, Christmas day.

Miss Rutledge visited here last summer and made many friends while here. Mr. Bracken is a farmer living south of town. Mr. and Mrs. Bracken will be at home to their friends on the former's farm after January 1.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

Mrs. F. Fay, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. O'Brien, returned to her home in Kansas City last evening.

Mrs. Joseph Massing, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. H. Nelson, left last night for her home in St. Joseph.

Clarence Sharp and Fred Masters of Skidmore were visitors here yesterday.

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Many specials have been arranged in various departments that are not mentioned here. It will be worth your while to see them.

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$12.00 values for.....$9.95

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Including linen paper and envelopes, initial paper, initial cards and cards with gilt finish, reduced as follows:

25c boxes for.....19c
35c boxes for.....25c
50c boxes for.....39c

Other values reduced in pro-portion.

BOOKS

A wonderful assortment of books suitable for every member of the family. Books for boys, books for girls and copyright books for the other members of the family. Books that are instructive as well as entertaining.

50c books now.....39c
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Teachers' editions, red letter edition, indexed, leather bound. Large variety to select from.

75c Bibles for.....67c
$1.00 Bibles for.....89c
$1.50 Bibles for.....$1.35
$2.00 Bibles for.....$1.80
$2.50 Bibles for.....$2.25
$3.00 Bibles for.....$2.70

Other values at reduced prives.

WHITE IVORY

The famous "Ivory Pyralin" in brushes, mirrors, combs, trays, military brushes, manicure sets, clocks, buffers, shoe horns, whisk brooms, tie holders, etc., at a reduction.

$6.50 values for.....$5.20
$4.00 values for.....$3.20
$3.50 values for.....$2.80
$3.00 values for.....$2.40
$2.50 values for.....$2.00
$2.00 values for.....$1.60
$1.50 values for.....$1.20
$1.00 values for.....89c
50c values for.....39c
25c values for.....19c

ART AND STAMPED WORK

We have arranged two special lots of stamped pieces and art work for easy selection.

50c values for.....39c
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All other drawn work, cluny and stamped work at greatly reduced prices.

HANDKERCHIEFS

Dainty handkerchiefs for men, women and children, in plain, initial and fancy embroidered.

$1.25 and $1.00 grade for....79c
75c grade for.....49c
50c grade for.....39c
35c grade for.....25c
25c grade for.....19c

One assorted lot of fancy handkerchiefs, worth up to 19c, special at, each, **10c.**

NECKTIES

Fancy neckties for men, assorted colors and patterns.

$1.00 grade for.....75c
75c grade for.....50c

DOLLS

During this sale we will offer our entire stock of dolls, including character dolls, daintily dressed dolls, kid body dolls, etc., at the following reductions.

$5.00 dolls for.....$3.95
$3.50 dolls for.....$2.80
$2.50 dolls for.....$2.00
$2.00 dolls for.....$1.60
$1.50 dolls for.....$1.20
$1.00 dolls for.....80c
50c dolls for.....39c
25c dolls for.....19c

FELT SLIPPERS

Fur trimmed slippers with leather soles, comfy slippers with wool padded soles, ribbon trimmed slippers, children's breakfast boots and dainty knitted slippers in assorted colors, with wool lined soles, all at a reduction.

$1.75 values for.....$1.39
$1.50 values for.....$1.25
$1.25 values for.....$1.00
$1.00 values for.....85c

Other grades at similar reductions.

CUT GLASS

Our entire assortment of cut glass in water sets, candelabra, creamers and sugars, celery trays, sherbet glasses, etc., has been divided into four lots for quick selling.

Lot One—values up to $10.00, for.....$5.95
Lot Two—Values up to $6.50, for.....$3.95
Lot Three—Values up to $3.00, for.....$1.95
Lot Four—Values up to $2.25, for.....$1.25

SILVERWARE

Community plate silverware in "Flower-de-luce," "Louis XVI and "Avalon" patterns, including knives and forks, fruit knives, oyster forks, ladles, butter spreaders, orange spoons, teaspoons, tablespoons, pie sets, etc,, has been arranged for quick selling. All pieces in above patterns will be greatly reduced during this sale.

Saturday being New Year's Day, this store will close promptly at 6 o'clock in the evening. Arrange your shopping accordingly.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

Guess Work Is DANGEROUS In Fitting Glasses

The old way of fitting glasses by guessing at the kind needed was often more harmful than going without them **NO GUESS WORK NOW.**

I sumbit the test, the correction, and the cost to you before you are asked to pay a single cent. You take no risk nor incur any obligation by coming to me about your eyes

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Kidd Mercantile Co. Graham. O. A. Petty, Arkoe.

Sunnybrook News

Christmas is over and a New Year coming. Everybody in and about Sunnybrook seemed to enjoy a very happy Christmas.

There was a shooting match last Thursday at Sunnybrook which was largely attended. There will be another match New Year's day of turkeys, geese and ducks.

Grandma Johnston, who has been very ill, is better at this writing.

John Bohart, wife and mother spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Haist.

Ed Patton is hauling corn to Joe Eaton at 60 cents per bushel.

Mrs. John Richardson of Colorado is spending the holidays with her parents near Ravenwood.

Joe Richardson and wife from Colorado are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kill of Graham.

M. A. Gray, wife and daughter Cleo spent Sunday at W. W. Aten's

W. A. Hayworth and family spent Christmas at B. F. Carey's.

H. L. Groves and family, M. A. Gray and family enjoyed a fine Christmas dinner at Judge Hayworth's home.

Major Leedy has returned from the west and will work for W. W. Aten.

Earl Deitrich of Kansas is spending the holidays with his brother, Charles Deitrich.

Elmer and May Young are spending the holidays with their uncle at Seymour, Ia.

Miss Adah Ware, who is studying at the Normal, is spending vacation at home.

Miss Cleo Gray, who is studying music at Drake university, is spending the holidays with her parents.

Samuel Hayworth received a box of fresh fish for Christmas from his daughter in Seattle, Wash.

A very pleasant and complete surprise was given in honor of Miss Eva Davis last Thursday evening at her home. The evening was spent in playing games and music, and at a late hour a delicious lunch was served.

"FOLLOW THE FLAG" WABASH

Winter Tourists Fares
to the SOUTHLAND
via WABASH

Perhaps this matter has suggested itself to you but things are not clear.

This we are glad to explain in detail to you, which means much to the proposed trip, to get the most out of it.

To New Orleans, La., and return....$37.40
To San Antonio, Texas, and return...$36.84
To Mobile, Ala., and return.....$37.40
To Jacksonville, Fla., and return...$46.90

Tickets on sale daily, final return limit June 1st, 1916. Diverse route arrangements with stop-over privileges permitted.

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INTERNATIONAL LAW MEET

Joint Session With Pan-American Union to Discuss League of Neutrals Today.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Closer cooperation of all of the American countries to secure the rights of neutrals against the violations of international law by the belligerents in the world war is the aim of the American Society of International Law, which will open its ninth annual meeting here tonight.

The custom of holding the annual meeting in April was suspended this year so that the society could meet in connection with the Second Pan-American Scientific Congress, which convened here yesterday. The society will meet, especially with the subsection on international law of the Pan-American Congress for the purpose of devising a firmer union of the Americas in the maintenance of international law. The "newer Monroe Doctrine," enunciated by President Wilson in his last address to Congress, is expected to be taken up in this connection.

The meeting will be opened by Elihu Root, ex-Senator from New York and former Secretary of State, now the president of the Society. He will deliver his annual presidential address. Norman Dwight Harris, professor of European diplomatic history in Northwestern University, will speak upon "The duties and obligations of neutral governments," parties to The Hague conventions, in case of actual or threatened violations by belligerents of the stipulations of the said conventions."

Infant Dies Near Ravenwood.

The 16-months-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dack died this morning at their home, near Ravenwood. The funeral services will be held at the house tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The Rev. B. H. Smallwood of the M. E. church, South, of Ravenwood will conduct the services. The burial will be in Sweet Home cemetery.

Big Cattle Shipment Today.

Today was a big day in Maryville for the shipment of cattle. Eight cars were sent from the Burlington yards today and at one time about noon almost fifty farm wagons were counted around the stock yards.

Live Stock to St. Joseph.

Live stock from Nodaway county was consigned to the St. Joseph market by N. S. Staples, Will N. Wray, D. D. Henderson, C. S. Rusco, W. S. Wendle, J .B. Nunnelley, John Stundon, Jr., and C. Bebout.

Montana Guests En Route Home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wood of Miles City, Mont., who have been visiting Mrs. G. A. Nash and other friends here, left this morning for Savannah, where they will spend the day. From there they will go to St. Paul for a visit before returning to their home.

Mrs. M. T. Burgen and Miss Laura Leazenby are spending the day in St. Joseph.

Highland Clark of Denver, Colo., is guest of his brother, A. T. Clark, at the Linville Hotel.

Mrs. Alfred Royston returned to her home in Pickering after a visit here with her sister, Mrs. John Young.

Mrs. W. R. Wells, daughter, Miss Marie, and son, A. B. Wells, left this morning for a short visit in St. Joseph.

Mrs. D. E. McDonald left this morning for Junction City, Kan., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. William Grammer, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Robey of Clarinda, Ia., were the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robey over Sunday.

Miss Hattie M. Hall, who is teaching school at Watson, Mo., is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. T. M. Hall, near Maryville.

Miss Rachel Watson of Pickering, was a visitor here today.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

Hosmer's Monthly Stock Sale
GRAY'S PAVILION
Saturday, January 1, 1916

30 Head of Horses, Mares and Mules. What kind do you want to sell? Stock Cattle, Cows, Calves and Steers. The sale will be held as usual on the 1st Saturday in the month. Let's make this New Year Sale a Cracker-Jack. What do you want to sell?

R. P. Hosmer, "The Auctioneer"

Doughnuts

That will remain moist.

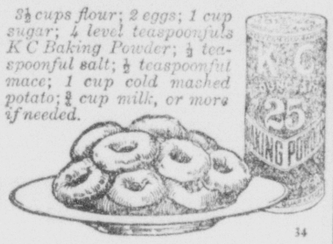
Every housewife who bakes her own bread knows that if a little potato is added to the sponge, the bread will not dry out as quickly. In this recipe potato is utilized to make doughnuts that will remain moist and fresh for several days.

K C will be found to have distinct advantages over any other Baking Powder for doughnuts. K C is a double acting baking powder with which a large batch of doughnuts may be mixed and fried a few at a time. The last will be as light and nice as the first.

K C Potato Doughnuts

By Mrs. Nevada Briggs, of Baking School fame.

3½ cups flour; 2 eggs; 1 cup sugar; 4 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder; ½ teaspoonful salt; ½ teaspoonful mace; 1 cup cold mashed potato; ¾ cup milk, or more if needed.



Sift three times, the flour, salt, spice and baking Powder. Beat eggs with rotary beater, then still using rotary beater, gradually add sugar, then work in the mashed potato with a spoon and alternately add milk and flour mixture. Make a soft dough, roll into a sheet, cut into rounds, pinch a hole in the center with the finger and fry in deep fat.

Fat for frying should not be hot enough to brown the doughnut until it has risen. When the doughnut is dropped into the fat it sinks to the bottom. As soon as it comes up it should be turned and turned a number of times while cooking. This recipe is excellent as they do not take the fat in frying and will stay moist for days.

LETTER LIST.

The following is a list of the letters remaining unclaimed in the Maryville, Mo., postoffice for the week ending, Wednesday, December 29, 1915:

Men.

Anderson, George.
Corana, H. P.
Brock, T. R.
English, John J. (2).
Jacobs, Walker.
Krayenbuhl, O. C.
Phillips, Ed.
Price, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon.

Women.

Evans, Mrs. Addie.
McAdams, Miss Theresa (2).
Nunn, Mrs. Anney.
Patton, Miss Jennie.

Persons calling for the above named letters will please say "advertised."

JAMES TODD, Postmaster.

Lubin Coming to Missouri.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 29.—David Lubin, for ten years American delegate to the International Agricultural Institute in Rome, Italy, has accepted the invitation of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture as the opening speaker and guest of honor the first night of Farmers' Week, Monday, January 3rd. Lubin is one of the world's greatest authorities on farm marketing and rural credits.

A. C. Vickery and sons Cordene and Earle of Arkoe spent the day here yesterday.

The Gulf Coast
"June temperature all Winter"
PASS CHRISTIAN
BILOXI
OCEAN SPRINGS
GULFPORT
MISSISSIPPI CITY
BAY ST. LOUIS
PASCAGOULA
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MOBILE
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No better or more interesting locality can be found in which to spend a winter vacation. There are many good hotels where accommodations can be found to meet all requirements; rates are reasonable.

Modern steel trains from St. Louis via Louisville & Nashville R. R. reach this enchanting vacation land in a little over 24 hours.

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For illustrated folders, schedules or other information, address

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ROAD BUILDING

CONVICTS AS ROAD BUILDERS

Need for Co-Operation Between State Highway and State Prison Departments Is Outlined.

"The state highway department should hire convicts from the state prison department in exactly the same way as it would hire free laborers, and at the same price per day. During the hours of work the men should not be thought of as convicts, but simply as employees of the highway department. No payment should be made for a single hour not worked and a man discharged should be removed at once and permanently, while the highway department should have no responsibility for nor authority over the convicts at any time nor in any manner except to conduct their work or to discharge them."

This need for co-operation between the state highway and state prison departments is strongly urged in a report made to the New York state highway department by David J. Shorer, who was in charge of the convict road work in Green county, New York, during the summer of 1914.

Mr. Shorer's practical experience has demonstrated the importance of the recommendation for co-operation between the highway and prison departments in conducting convict road work, which the national committee on prisons and prison labor has advocated for a number of years and has been instrumental in embodying into the laws of the state of West Virginia.

The work in Green county, New York, was carried on under most difficult conditions. The men arrived at the camp before the organization and equipment were completed. They were sent there without regard to their suitability for the work and almost one-fourth were totally unfit and had to be returned to the prison. Arrangements for feeding the men were unsatisfactory, while winter made efficient work impossible fully two weeks before they were removed from the camp.

In spite of these difficulties Mr. Shorer reports that, taking the 60 convicts who were retained at the camp and comparing them with 51 civilians also working at the camp, the convicts averaged better than the civilians and as good as any ordinary contract gang. Under proper conditions he maintains there will be no difficulty in using convicts for this type of work with good results for the money expended.

Improved Road in New York.

The national committee on prisons and prison labor calls special attention to this report and its conclusion that two factors are essential to the success of convict road work. Responsibility for administration must be placed in the hands of those competent to meet it, and the men encouraged through a system of rewards so that they feel they have something to gain through good work.

LOSS CAUSED BY ROAD THIEF

Farmer Forced to Haul Small Loads and Deprives Him of Opportunity to Sell Products.

The bad-road thief forces you to haul small loads; drive slowly; wrench and twist the life out of your horse, harness and vehicle, often breaking and damaging the latter until great and expensive delays are occasioned. It also steals your opportunity to dispose of your farm when you wish to sell, for no man will pay as much for a farm bordered by a poor road system as he will for one with a well-kept highway, and some will not buy a farm at all when the road system is poor. The loss of time and money, where the above named conditions exist, makes it imperative that you open all the drain ditches along the road, drag this silent, notorious thief to death with the King road drag.

Built Up Rural Communities.

What we need is good roads and modern homes. Help the farmers secure these and you will do more toward building up the rural communities than any other two things.

Dangerous Road.

A road is a road—but when it is a high, narrow grade with steep sides and a flat surface, it is a poor road and a dangerous one.

Brings Farms Nearer Town.

A farm ten miles from town on a hard road is nearer than a farm five miles from town on a soft road.

Learn to Make Roads.

We need more men out learning how to make roads than locating routes to make them on.

MARKET REPORTS

TODAY'S MARKETS BY WIRE.

Grain Market Futures.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Kansas City, Dec. 29.—WHEAT—December, $1.11½; May, $1.15⅜.

CORN — December, 68¼c; May, 71⅞c.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Kansas City, Dec. 29.—CATTLE—Receipts, 5,000. Market slow; steers, $8.00@9.75; cows, $4.00@9.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 9,000. Market 5c lower; top, $6.65; bulk, $6.35@6.65.

SHEEP—Receipts, 6,000. Market steady.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—CATTLE—Receipts, 60,000. Estimate tomorrow, 4,000.

HOGS—Receipts, 46,000. Market 5c lower; top, $6.70. Estimate tomorrow, 40,000.

SHEEP—Receipts, 18,000. Market steady.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

St. Joseph, Dec. 29.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,200. Market strong.

HOGS—Receipts, 10,000. Market 5c lower; top, $6.55.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3,000. Market steady.

LETTER IN MAILS 55 YEARS.

Son of Addressee Gets Missive of "Good Abe Lincoln's" Day.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A letter written by the Rev. Samuel Ward of Neoga, Ill., Nov. 6, 1860, the day he cast a ballot for "good Abe Lincoln," was received through the mails here recently by Professor W. B. Ward of Occidental college, a son of H. O. Ward of Zanesville, O., the man to whom it was addressed. Where the letter went after it was mailed will remain a mystery.

The next postmark after that of Neoga in 1860 is that of College Station, N. Y., Aug. 23, 1910. The letter reached Zanesville last October and after a search had been made for the addressee was forwarded here to Professor Ward, who lacks three days of being as old as the letter.

FREAK APPLE TREE.

Blossoms Half and Half at Its Sweet Will In Orchard Near Marion, Va.

Marion, Va.—This seems to be a season of freakish manifestations in garden and apple orchards of southwest Virginia. One of the most peculiar of these manifestations occurred on a farm a short distance east of Marion.

An apple tree which heretofore had borne its fruit in the natural and accepted manner blossomed in the spring on one half of the tree only, not a bloom appearing on the opposite half. Late in the summer, after the first crop of fruit had matured and been harvested, the tree blossomed on the second half, the fruit maturing in the usual manner.

HIDE ON THE DOOR.

Ends Modern Tale of Wolf That Was Too Greedy.

Minneapolis.—The fable of the greedy wolf that went once too often to the farmer's pasture became a reality here when one of the beasts evaded armed guards in Richfield and Bloomington and came to the city for his third helping of young duck at the home of Carl Hebner.

Mr. Wolf's hide is now curing on Hebner's chicken house door, while his pelt and claws are ready to be taken to the county auditor for a bounty.

Mrs. J. Morgan and daughters, Miss Florence of College Springs, Ia., and Miss Blanche, who is attending school in Lincoln, Neb., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Snodgrass during the holidays.

Paul Denny, who had been the guest of his mother, Mrs. Martha Denny, for several days, has returned to Des Moines.

Gordon Roach, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. J. E. Stewart, left last night for his home in Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Cook of Barnard were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Bickett yesterday.

Mrs. C. Edwin Wells returned today from a visit with relatives in Gardner, Kan.

J. H. Bond and son, Lloyd of Graham were visitors here today.

Chiropractic

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Miscellaneous.

QUICK and efficient service is required for first class work. Our service gives this to you. Standard Plumbing Co.

FOR RENT—My residence on West Second street. Also bed davenport, oak bookcase, oak wardrobe, a No. 1 base burner, good range, for sale cheap. Mrs. E. B. Sheldon. 22-tf

LOST—Auto chain off Ford car, between John White's farm and high school bldg. Leave in this office. 29-31.

WANTED—$4,000 to loan. If you have that much idle money see me. Chas. E. Stilwell. 18-tf

LOST—Pair of glasses in steel case. Return to this office. 27-29

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Call Ed Brewer, Han. 4114. 27-31

ROOMS FOR RENT—With or without light housekeeping. Modern, 423 West Ninth street, or call 6217 Han. 27-29 3-5

FOR RENT—5 room house on South Main. ½ acre for garden. $8.00 per month. Owen Murrin, 717 So. Vine. 29-31.*

SEE OR PHONE for best grades Alfalfa. Strictly barn hay, baled. Act while roads are good. Both phones. Elmer Fraser. 29-4.

FARM FOR RENT—160 acres for cash rent. Guy Gray. 27-1*

A registered Chester White boar of Goodspeed stock, for service. B. F. Mozingo, East Halsey St. 23-30.*

For Sale.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Now empty 6-room house adjoining Normal grounds; 15 lots. J. T. Hayes, West Twelfth street. 25-tf

FOR SALE—240-acre farm 6 miles from town. Sell either 160 acres or the 240 acres. Call at this office. 27-tf

FOR SALE OR RENT—The James M. Johnson property at 216 East First street, modern, except heat. Call or write Walter Johnson, Pickering, Mo. 29-31.*

FOR SALE—Wood of all kinds. Prices right. Saunders Bros., Hanamo 3698. 27-tf

FOR SALE—Four Collie pups, 4 months old. Phone 544, Hanamo or call Fern theater. 28-30

FOR SALE—Plymouth Rock cockerels, nice ones, 85c each, or $10 per dozen. Mrs. Thomas E. Hall, 4 miles west of town. Farmers phone 5-13. 27-29

FOR SALE—Fine residence property in West Maryville. Two lots, good well, 8-room house and outbuildings; all in good condition. Plenty of fruit. For particulars write H. S. Schoonover, administrator, route 5, Maryville, or inquire at Real Estate Bank. 8-31*

FOR SALE—Good fresh cow, calf by side. See Clark Scott, Far. 5-12, R. No. 1, or C. W. Kiser, 809 North Mulberry. 21-tf

FOR SALE—White Rose Combed Leghorn cockerels, 75c each. Jess Dowden route 3, Farmers phone 115. 22-29*

Charles McCaffrey Not Witness.

Through an error yesterday the name of Charles McCaffrey, one of the lawyers for the defense in the case of the city vs. Bert Martin, was included with the witnesses.

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